

ZECHARIAH CHAPTER FOURTEEN

Zechariah Lesson 111

6-29-2005

1. Last week we completed Zechariah chapter 13. I will begin our study of Zechariah chapter 14 by providing a chapter outline.

Outline

I. The Last Triumph Of The Nations Over Jerusalem (Zec 14:1-3)

A. The time of the Last Triumphant Siege of Jerusalem - the Day of the Lord (Zec 14:1)

Zec 14:1 Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee.

B. The Enemy Triumphant in the Last Siege of Jerusalem (Zec 14:2a)

Zec 14:2a For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished ...

C. The Plight - Threatened Total Destruction of the City and the Remnant (Zec 14:2b)

Zec 14:2b ... and half of the city shall go forth into captivity and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

D. The Deliverer of the Remnant - the Lord (Zec 14:3)

Zec 14:3 Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.

II. The Personal Advent of the Messiah (Zec 14:4-7)

A. The Place of the Messiah's Advent - the Mount of Olives (Zec 14:4a)

Zec 14:4a And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east ...

B. The Result of the Messiah's Advent - a Gigantic Earthquake Effecting Topographical Changes (Zec 14:4b)

Zec 14:4b ... and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

C. The Purpose of the Messiah's Advent - To Deliver His People and to Destroy Their Foes (Zec 14:5a)

Zec 14:5a And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah ...

D. The Manner of the Messiah's Advent - with His Saints (Zec 14:5b)

Zec 14:5b ... and the LORD my God shall come, and all the saints with thee.

E. The Time of the Second Advent More Fully Described (Zec 14:6-7)

Zec 14:6 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the light shall not be clear, nor dark:

Zec 14:7 But it shall be one day which shall be known to the LORD, not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light.

III. The Messianic Kingdom Established Over Israel (Zec 14:8-15)

A. The Temporal and Spiritual Blessings of the Kingdom (Zec 14:8)

Zec 14:8 And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be.

B. The Absolute Lordship of the King (Zec 14:9)

Zec 14:9 And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.

C. The Exaltation and Peace of Jerusalem (Zec 14:10-11)

Zec 14:10 All the land shall be turned as a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem: and it shall be lifted up, and inhabited in her place, from Benjamin's gate unto the place of the first gate, unto the corner gate, and from the tower of Hananeel unto the king's winepresses.

Zec 14:11 And men shall dwell in it, and there shall be no more utter destruction; but Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited.

D. The Destruction of Israel's Enemies (Zec 14:12-15)

Zec 14:12 And this shall be the plague wherewith the LORD will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem; Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth.

Zec 14:13 And it shall come to pass in that day, that a great tumult from the LORD shall be among them; and they shall lay hold everyone on the hand of his neighbour, and his hand shall rise up against the hand of his neighbour.

Zec 14:14 And Judah also shall fight at Jerusalem; and the wealth of all the heathen round about shall be gathered together, gold, and silver, and apparel, in great abundance.

Zec 14:15 And so shall be the plague of the horse, of the mule, of the camel, and of the ass, and of all the beasts that shall be in these tents, as this plague.

IV. Millennial Worship and Government (Zec 14:16-21)

A. Jerusalem the Religious Capital of the Millennial Earth (Zec 14:16)

Zec 14:16 And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles.

B. Rod-of-Iron Rule Regulating Millennial Worship (Zec 14:17-19)

Zec 14:17 And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain.

Zec 14:18 And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that have no rain; there shall be the plague, wherewith the LORD will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tab ̄ernacles.

Zec 14:19 This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.

C. Israel's Holiness as a High Priestly Nation in the Millennium (Zec 14:20-21)

Zec 14:20 In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD; and the pots in the LORD'S house shall be like the bowls before the altar.

Zec 14:21 Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness unto the LORD of hosts: and all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and seethe therein: and in that day there shall be no more the Canaanite in the house of the LORD of hosts.

2. And now for a verse by verse analysis from the NIV.

Zec 14:1 A day of the LORD is coming when your plunder will be divided among you.

Zec 14:2 I will gather all the nations to Jerusalem to fight against it; the city will be captured, the houses ransacked, and the women raped. Half of the city will go into exile, but ̄ the rest of the people will not be taken from the city.

Zec 14:3 Then the LORD will go out and fight against those nations, as he fights in the day of battle.

Principles

1. The interpretation of this difficult portion of Zechariah has been made clear to us of the Church Age by the many passages found in The Book of The Revelation. The apocalypse, written by John, has been rightfully called the key to understanding eschatology.

2. The book opens up a vast number of passages found in the Old Testament, the Gospels and Epistles to the Church. The final drama of the Great Tribulation ending in the second coming of Christ is described in Zec 14:1-3.

3. Our first three verses describe what is called in Rev 16:14 "the battle of the great day of God Almighty," it is also commonly referred to as the Battle of Armageddon (Rev 16:16).

Rev 16:12 The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up to prepare the way for the kings from the East.

Rev 16:13 Then I saw three evil spirits that looked like frogs; they came out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

Rev 16:14 They are spirits of demons performing miraculous signs, and they go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them for the battle on the great day of God Almighty.

Rev 16:16 Then they gathered the kings together to the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.

4. It is remarkable and striking that the explanation given for Jerusalem's booty being distributed to the nations is not a result of their overwhelming military superiority but in fact the whole episode is providential and God designed.

5. God not only allowed it, but actively interposed His sovereign will in bringing it to pass. The case is succinctly stated: For I will gather all nations, demonstrating that God's purposes are not only sovereignly assured even though wicked nations may seem to triumph over His people.

5.1 This is true in the life of every believer. There are times when the bad guys are winning and all is not fair. We must faith rest in these cases and wait upon the Lord. The believing remnant is also expected to do this as they wait on the Messiah to deliver them even when their wealth is being distributed among the nations.

6. God uses all things to effect His will; even Satan, the demons and evil rebellious men. The nefarious military delegations are used as evil agents in the end time activities.

7. Verse two states in part the city will be captured, the houses ransacked, and the women raped. Half of the city will go into exile, but the rest of the people will not be cut off from the city. This verse portrays a moment of direst distress.

8. This is a description of the ultimate or acme of the time of Jacob's trouble described by Jeremiah just before the remnant is delivered from this trouble, but the rest of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

Jer 30:5 For thus saith the LORD; We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace.

Jer 30:6 Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child? wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness?

Jer 30:7 Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble, but he shall be saved out of it

9. Although the remnant in the city represents half of its population; according to verse two this half will not be destroyed at this time, yet in all the land of Palestine two-thirds shall be cut off. The remaining one-third is brought through the fire to be purged and refined and prepared for kingdom blessing in the Millennium.

Zec 13:8 And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the LORD, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein.

Zec 13:9 And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The LORD is my God.

10. The dire straits to which the city is reduced are given in four statements.

10.1 The city shall be taken from the verb Lakad meaning to capture, to seize or take by siege. The verb commonly is used of taking a city in war.

Deu 2:35 Only the cattle we took for a prey unto ourselves, and the spoil of the cities which we "took."

Deu 2:36 From Aroer, which is by the brink of the river of Arnon, and from the city that is by the river, even unto Gilead, there was not one city too strong for us: the LORD our God delivered all unto us:

Jos 8:21 And when Joshua and all Israel saw that the ambush had "taken" the city, and that the smoke of the city ascended, then they turned again, and slew the men of Ai.

Jdg 1:8 The men of Judah attacked Jerusalem also and took it. They put the city to the sword and set it on fire.

10.2 The houses shall be plundered from the verb Shasas meaning to spoil, to rob, to plunder. We find it similarly used in Jdg 2:14; 1Sa 17:53 and Psa 89:41.

Jdg 2:14 And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel, and he delivered them into the hands of spoilers that "spoiled" them, and he sold them into the hands of their enemies round about, so that they could not any longer stand before their enemies.

1Sa 17:53 And the children of Israel returned from chasing after the Philistines, and they "spoiled" their tents.

1Sa 17:54 And David took the head of the Philistine, and brought it to Jerusalem; but he put his armour in his tent.

Psa 89:35 Once for all, I have sworn by my holiness-- and I will not lie to David--
Psa 89:36 that his line will continue forever and his throne endure before me like the sun;

Psa 89:37 it will be established forever like the moon, the faithful witness in the sky."
Selah

Psa 89:38 But you have rejected, you have spurned, you have been very angry with your anointed one ...

Psa 89:41 All who pass by have "plundered" him; he has become the scorn of his neighbors ...

Psa 89:51 the taunts with which your enemies have mocked, O LORD, with which they have mocked every step of your anointed one.

Psa 89:52 Praise be to the LORD forever! Amen and Amen.

10.3 The women shall be raped from the verb Shagal meaning to violate to rape, to ravish (Isa 13:16; Jer 3:2 Deu 28:30). The Masoretic editors considered the word obscene and substituted a euphemism Shakhav meaning to lie with.

Isa 13:16 Their infants will be dashed to pieces before their eyes; their houses will be looted and their wives "ravished."

Isa 13:17 See, I will stir up against them the Medes, who do not care for silver and have no delight in gold.

Jer 3:2 "Look up to the barren heights and see. Is there any place where you have not been "ravished?" By the roadside you sat waiting for lovers, sat like a nomad in the desert. You have defiled the land with your prostitution and wickedness.

Deu 28:30 You will be pledged to be married to a woman, but another will take her and "ravish" her. You will build a house, but you will not live in it. You will plant a vineyard, but you will not even begin to enjoy its fruit.

10.4 Half the city shall go into captivity from Galah meaning to be carried off to another geographical area; those surrendering will be taken prisoner and removed to another area. (1Sa 4:21-22; Jer 1:3 and Amo 7:11 and 17)

1Sa 4:21 And she named the child Ichabod, saying, The glory is "departed" from Israel: because the ark of God was taken, and because of her father in law and her husband.

1Sa 4:22 And she said, The glory is "departed" from Israel: for the ark of God is taken.

Jer 1:3 It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, unto the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah the son of Josiah king of Judah, unto the "carrying away" of Jerusalem captive in the fifth month.

Amo 7:11 For thus Amos saith, Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel shall surely be "led away captive" out of their own land.

Amo 7:17 Therefore thus saith the LORD; Thy wife shall be an harlot in the city, and thy sons and thy daughters shall fall by the sword, and thy land shall be divided by line; and thou shalt die in a polluted land: and Israel shall surely "go into captivity" ...

11. Half the population of the city shall surrender and be removed from the battle field but a remnant (**Yether**) remains to fight to the very end. This **Yether** or remnant believes there is going to be a deliverance because doctrine tells them it will happen.

12. This remnant will wait for Christ and after He destroys the armies of the nations, the remnant of believers in the city will perform operation "Mop Up."

Rev 19:11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

Rev 19:12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

Rev 19:13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

Rev 19:14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

Rev 19:15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

Rev 19:16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

Rev 19:17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God;

Rev 19:18 That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both a small and great.

Rev 19:19 And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.

Rev 19:20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

Rev 19:21 And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

13. The remnant shall take the spoil of the nations and Jerusalem shall again be known as the city of God. We will see more detail later.

Zec 14:14 And Judah also shall fight at Jerusalem; and the wealth of all the heathen round about shall be gathered together, gold, and silver, and apparel, in great abundance.

14. All of verse three “Then the LORD will go out and fight against those nations, as he fights in the day of battle” indicates such a direct personal interposition of the Lord Himself as does Rev 19:11-21.

14.1 These verse describe the “Day of The Lord” par excellence, when Christ intervenes directly in human history.

14.2 Unger has written: “ ...the most gigantic and virulent outburst of demon-inspired Anti-Semitism the world has ever seen will at the height of its success be irremediably destroyed by the Lord Himself.”

14.3 The phrase go forth is a translation from **Yatsa** and is most fitting to describe the Lord Jesus as again appearing as a man of war on behalf of His people (Exo 15:3).

Exo 15:1 Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the LORD, and spake, saying, I will sing unto the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.

Exo 15:2 The LORD is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him.

Exo 15:3 The LORD is a man of war: the LORD is his name.

Exo 15:4 Pharaoh's chariots and his host hath he cast into the sea: his chosen captains also are drowned in the Red sea.

Exo 15:5 The depths have covered them: they sank into the bottom as a stone.

Exo 15:6 Thy right hand, O LORD, is become glorious in power: thy right hand, O LORD, hath dashed in pieces the enemy.

Exo 15:7 And in the greatness of thine excellency thou hast overthrown them that rose up against thee: thou sentest forth thy wrath, which consumed them as stubble.

Exo 15:8 And with the blast of thy nostrils the waters were gathered together, the floods stood upright as an heap, and the depths were congealed in the heart of the sea.

Exo 15:9 The enemy said, I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil; my lust shall be satisfied upon them; I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them.

14.3.1 **Yatsa** is also used of God going out to war at the head of his troops (2Sa 5:24; Psa 68:7; 108:11 and Hab 3:13 and it is used generally of the Lord's hand acting against anyone. Rth 1:13.

2Sa 5:24 And let it be, when thou hearest the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt bestir thyself: for then shall the LORD "go out" before thee, to smite the host of the Philistines.

2Sa 5:25 And David did so, as the LORD had commanded him; and smote the Philistines from Geba until thou come to Gazer.

Psa 68:7 O God, when thou "wentest forth" before thy people, when thou didst march through the wilderness; Selah:

Psa 68:8 The earth shook, the heavens also dropped at the presence of God: even Sinai itself was moved at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

Psa 108:11 Wilt not thou, O God, who hast cast us off? and wilt not thou, O God, "go forth" with our hosts?

Psa 108:12 Give us help from trouble: for vain is the help of man.

Psa 108:13 Through God we shall do valiantly: for he it is that shall tread down our enemies.



Hab 3:13 Thou "wentest forth" for the salvation of thy people, even for salvation with thine anointed; thou wounded the head out of the house of the wicked, by discovering the foundation unto the neck. Selah.

Hab 3:14 Thou didst strike through with his staves the head of his villages: they came out as a whirlwind to scatter me: their rejoicing was as to devour the poor secretly.

Hab 3:15 Thou didst walk through the sea with thine horses, through the heap of great waters.

Rth 1:13 Would ye tarry for them till they were grown? would ye stay for them from having husbands? nay, my daughters; for it grieved me much for your sakes that the hand of the Lord is gone out against me.

Rth 1:14 And they lifted up their voice, and wept again: and Orpah kissed her mother in law; but Ruth clave unto her.

14.4 Here clearly as in Mic 1:3 and Exo 14:13-15 it is used of the Lord's deliverance of His beleaguered people on earth.

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Zechariah Lesson 112

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1. Last week I gave you an outline of Zechariah chapter fourteen then we completed the exegesis of Zec 14:1-3. When time expired we were about to begin an analysis of Zec 14:4-7.

2. Before continuing that analysis I want to review some of that learned last week, but first let's look at an expanded translation of Zec 14:1-3.

Zec 14:1 Note well Israel, God's judgment day for you and your countrymen is on the way. Plunder will be piled high and handed out to the nations, particularly destructive will be the forces of the King of the North.

Zec 14:2 I'm bringing all the godless nations to war against Judah and particularly Jerusalem - your houses will be plundered, your women will be raped; half of the population of the city will surrender and be killed or enslaved and half will be left in Jerusalem to defend it.

Zec 14:3 But then the Messiah will return, with His angelic army, His church age saints and the saints who will populate His millennial kingdom; Christ will destroy the godless nations and fight on your behalf, just as He has done so often in the past.

3. By many passages in the book of Revelation the meaning of this portion of Zechariah has been made clear to us of the Church Age. The apocalypse, written by John, has been rightfully called the key to understanding eschatology.

4. The Revelation opens up a vast number of passages found in the Old Testament, the Gospels and Epistles to the Church. The final drama of the Great Tribulation ending in the second coming of Christ is described in Zec 14:1-3.

5. The first three verses of chapter fourteen are a description of the ultimate or zenith of Jacob's trouble described by Jeremiah. Jer 30:5-6

6. Half the population of the city will surrender and be removed from the battle field but a remnant remains to fight to the very end. The remnant believes there will be a deliverance by their Messiah.

7. The remnant will wait for Christ and after He destroys the armies of the nations, the remnant of believers in the city will perform operation "Mop Up."

8. The remnant will take the spoil of the nations and Jerusalem will again be known as the city of God.

8.1 Here in verse three as in Mic 1:3 and Exo 14:13-15 we have a description of the Lord's deliverance of His beleaguered people on earth.

Mic 1:3 For, behold, the LORD "cometh forth" out of his place, and will come down, and tread upon the high places of the earth.

Exo 14:13 Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again.

Exo 14:14 The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still."

Exo 14:15 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on.

9. Now for an analysis of Zec 14:4-7.

Zec 14:4 On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem, and the Mount of Olives will be split in two from east to west, forming a great valley, with half of the mountain moving north and half moving south.

Zec 14:5 You will flee by my mountain valley, for it will extend to Azel. You will flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the LORD my God will come, and all the holy ones with him.

Zec 14:6 On that day there will be no light, no cold or frost.

Zec 14:7 It will be a unique day, without daytime or nighttime-- a day known to the LORD. When evening comes, there will be light.

Principles

1. The term Mount of Olives is sometimes applied to the four hills east of Jerusalem which form a ridge running in a north south direction. Popularly, it refers only to the central pair of these hills directly east of the temple area and it would seem to be so used in our verse four.

2. The northern most of the four hills is Mount Scopus. The southernmost is south of the road to Jericho and is called the Mount of Offense. It is so called because it was where Solomon built idolatrous temples for his foreign wives. (2Ki 23:13)

2Ki 23:13 The king also desecrated the high places that were east of Jerusalem on the south of the Hill of Corruption-- the ones Solomon king of Israel had built for Ashtoreth the vile goddess of the Sidonians, for Chemosh the vile god of Moab, and for Molech the detestable god of the people of Ammon.

2Ki 23:14 Josiah smashed the sacred stones and cut down the Asherah poles and covered the sites with human bones.

3. The two central hills, with a slight dip between, have an elevation of 2,723 feet. Jerusalem's elevation is 2,550 feet. The climb up from the Kidron Valley takes one's breath and the buses grind slowly up in lowest gear. From the name of the hill it is inferred that the slopes were once wooded.

4. Now they are rocky and eroded because of deforestation caused by several major military conflicts fought in and around the city of Jerusalem. There are a few trees on the west slope and fewer yet to the east.

5. The Dead Sea is visible to the east and an imposing view of Jerusalem opens to the west. On the northern most of the two hills stands the Lutheran Augusta Victoria Hospital with its high tower for a landmark. On the south hill rises the tower of the Russian Church of the Ascension and other buildings marking the traditional site of Christ's departure to be with the Father. The Mount being the place of His departure and predicted return.

Acts 1:6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?

Acts 1:7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Acts 1:9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

Acts 1:10 And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;

Acts 1:11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

Acts 1:12 Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey (three thousand feet).

6. On the west face are three old roads, possibly all of Roman times, on which Christ would have walked. The Church of Dominus Flevit (The Lord Wept) is halfway down the hill. The Church of All Nations, with a traditional Gethsemane rock and a garden of aged olive trees, is near the bottom.

7. Many famous churches have been built on the summit and the remains of some of these have been uncovered and identified.

8. The Mount of Olives is named in connection with David's flight from Absalom (2Sa 15:30) and in our verse four, which speaks of the Lord's coming when the mount will split.

2Sa 15:30 But David continued up the Mount of Olives, weeping as he went; his head was covered and he was barefoot. All the people with him covered their heads too and were weeping as they went up.

2Sa 15:31 Now David had been told, "Ahithophel is among the conspirators with Absalom." So David prayed, "O LORD, turn Ahithophel's counsel into foolishness."

2Sa 15:32 When David arrived at the summit, where people used to worship God, Hushai the Arkite was there to meet him, his robe torn and dust on his head.

9. It is referred to as a stage in the departure of God's presence from Jerusalem in Ezekiel's day (Eze 11:23). The departure of the Lord is either seen in 597 B.C. or predicted in 586 B.C.

Eze 11:23 The glory of the LORD went up from within the city and stopped above the mountain east of it.

10. In the New Testament it is mentioned as the favorite resort of Christ as He withdrew from Jerusalem.

11. It was the start of His triumphal entry (Mat 21:1), the scene of His weeping over Jerusalem (Luk 19:37-41), His eschatological instruction (Mat 24-25), His agony in Gethsemane (Mat 26:30), and His ascension (Acts 1:9-12) and as noted it will be the place of His return.

Mat 21:1 As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples,

Mat 21:2 saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me.

Luk 19:37 When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

Luk 19:38 "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

Luk 19:39 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"

Luk 19:40 "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

Luk 19:41 As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it

Luk 19:42 and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace-- but now it is hidden from your eyes.

Mat 26:30 When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

12. Verse four tells of His foot touching down precipitating a major cleavage of the Mount east to west, forming a great valley, with half of the mountain moving north and half moving south.

13. Those who seek to escape Jerusalem will flee by this newly made valley which, according to several expositors, will extend from Jerusalem east to the city of Jericho.

14. It will no doubt extend from the Mount of Olives eastward; the extent of the earthquake will be vast, perhaps as far east as the Jordan river.

15. The quakes effect is said to extend to Azal. The location of Azal is problematic. Wycliffe in his encyclopedia writes of Azal:

AZAL

Found only in Zec 14:5 (KJV). It is conjectured that this is the name of a site near Jerusalem. Two places are suggested: Beth-ezel, or the name of a place that ceased to exist and is suggested in the name Wady Yasul, a tributary of the Kidron. The Hebrew meaning is "side or slope."

16. There is both an historical and Biblical record of a severe earthquake during the reign of Uzziah. Josephus relates the catastrophe to Uzziah's attempt to offer incense in the Temple against the protest of the priests (Antiquities IX, 10, 4; compared with 2Ch 26:16-21).

16.1 Unger writes "... doubtless that referred to must be Amos 1:1 ... it must have been of terrible severity to be so vividly referred to more than two centuries later."

2Ch 26:16 But after Uzziah became powerful, his pride led to his downfall. He was unfaithful to the LORD his God, and entered the temple of the LORD to burn incense on the altar of incense.

2Ch 26:17 Azariah the priest with eighty other courageous priests of the LORD followed him in.

2Ch 26:18 They confronted him and said, "It is not right for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the LORD. That is for the priests, the descendants of Aaron, who have been consecrated to burn incense. Leave the sanctuary, for you have been unfaithful; and you will not be honored by the LORD God."

2Ch 26:19 Uzziah, who had a censer in his hand ready to burn incense, became angry. While he was raging at the priests in their presence before the incense altar in the LORD'S temple, leprosy broke out on his forehead.

2Ch 26:20 When Azariah the chief priest and all the other priests looked at him, they saw that he had leprosy on his forehead, so they hurried him out. Indeed, he himself was eager to leave, because the LORD had afflicted him.

2Ch 26:21 King Uzziah had leprosy until the day he died. He lived in a separate house--leprosy, and excluded from the temple of the LORD. Jotham his son had charge of the palace and governed the people of the land.

Amo 1:1 The words of Amos, one of the shepherds of Tekoa-- what he saw concerning Israel two years before the earthquake, when Uzziah was king of Judah and Jeroboam son of Jehoash was king of Israel.

Amo 1:2 He said: "The LORD roars from Zion and thunders from Jerusalem; the pastures of the shepherds dry up, and the top of Carmel withers."

16.2 As a fact we know there will be an earthquake and the people of Jerusalem will flee out the east side of the city and the earthquake will be a "real duzy."

17. When the outlook appears the darkest, the Lord, the "man of war" will come forth to champion their forlorn cause as He has done in time past. Baby Jesus now becomes warrior Jesus.

Exo 15:3 The LORD is a man of war: the LORD is his name.

Exo 15:4 Pharaoh's chariots and his host hath he cast into the sea: his chosen captains also are drowned in the Red sea.

18. His feet will stand in that day upon the Mount of Olives. Words cannot express more plainly the personal, visible, bodily, literal return of the Lord Jesus Christ in power.

18.1 Those nail scarred feet will stand and the top of the Mount will blow like Mount Saint Helens but Israel will not be injured; this act on the part of the Lord is only one of many events changing the topography in and around the city of Jerusalem. The city will be elevated and the region around the city will become level plain.

19. The Mount of Olives will cleave in the midst. East of Jerusalem, this mountain affords a formidable barrier to one seeking escape from the city. The bewildered people will have a way of escape supernaturally formed for them.

20. The Lord my God shall come, and all the saints with Him. It will be the glorious appearing of the Son of God, the Lord God himself, with his saints and the holy angels. The prophet is so overpowered by the vision that he changes to a direct address: then the LORD my God will come, and all His saints with him.

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Zechariah Lesson 113

7-13-2005

1. Last week I taught in part Zec 14:4-7. When time expired we were in the process of developing several principles relating to these verses.

2. Before continuing that analysis I want to review some of that learned last week, but first let's look at an expanded translation of Zec 14:1-3.

Zec 14:1 Note well Israel, God's judgment day for you and your countrymen is on the way. Plunder will be piled high and handed out to the nations, particularly destructive will be the forces of the King of the North.

Zec 14:2 I'm bringing all the godless nations to war against Judah and particularly Jerusalem - your houses will be plundered, your women will be raped; half of the population of the city will surrender and be killed or enslaved and half will be left in Jerusalem to defend it.

Zec 14:3 But then the Messiah will return, with His heavenly angelic army, His church age saints and the saints who will populate His millennial kingdom; Christ will destroy the godless nations and fight on your behalf, just as He has done so often in the past.

3. The interpretation of this difficult portion of Zechariah has been made clear to us of the Church Age by the many passages found in The Book of The Revelation.

4. The final drama of the Great Tribulation ending in the second coming of Christ is described in Zec 14:1-3.

5. The first three verses of chapter fourteen are a description of that described by Jeremiah. Jer 30:5-6

6. Half the population of the city will surrender and be removed from the battle field but a remnant remains to fight to the very end. The remnant believes there will be a deliverance by their Messiah.

7. Now let's return to our analysis of Zec 14:4-7.

Zec 14:4 On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem, and the Mount of Olives will be split in two from east to west, forming a great valley, with half of the mountain moving north and half moving south.

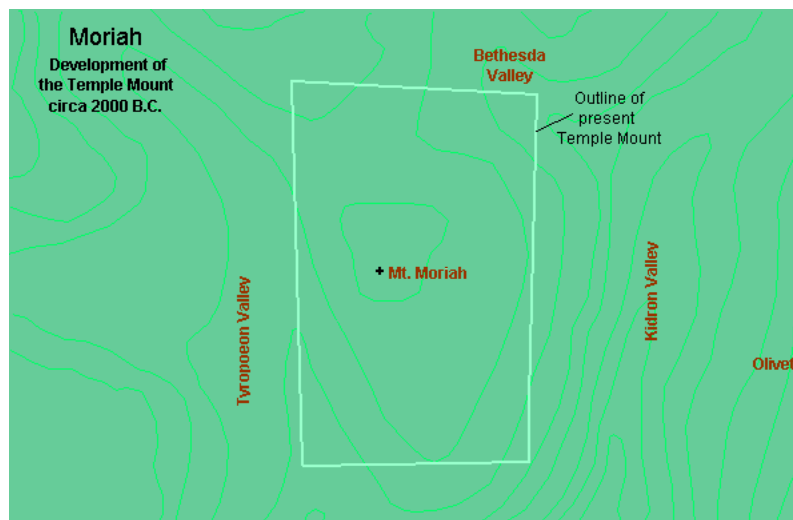
Zec 14:5 You will flee by my mountain valley, for it will extend to Azel. You will flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the LORD my God will come, and all the holy ones with him.

Zec 14:6 On that day there will be no light, no cold or frost.

Zec 14:7 It will be a unique day, without daytime or nighttime-- a day known to the LORD. When evening comes, there will be light.

Principles

1. The term Mount of Olives is sometimes applied to the four hills east of Jerusalem which form a ridge running in a north south direction. The Mount was the place of Christ's departure and it will be the place of His return.



Acts 1:6 So when they met together, they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

Acts 1:7 He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority.

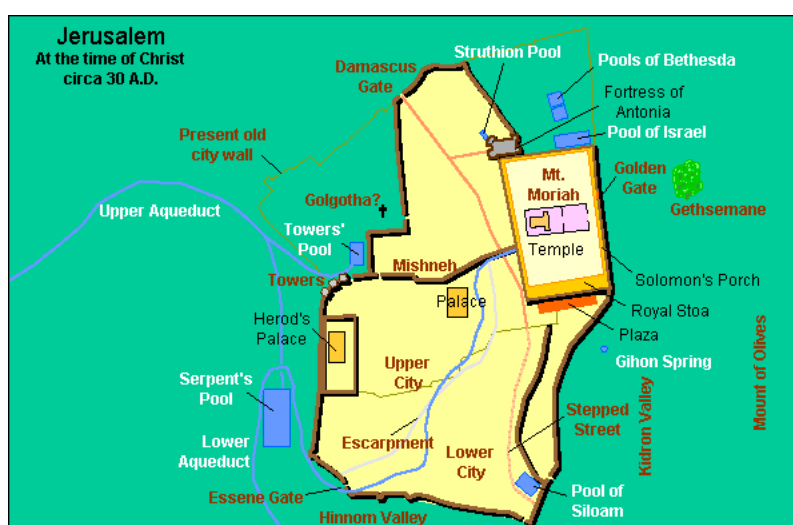
Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 1:9 After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

Acts 1:10 They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them.

Acts 1:11 "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

2. Zec 14:4 tells of His foot touching down precipitating a major cleavage of the Mount east to west, forming a great valley, with half of the mountain moving north and half moving south.
3. Those who seek to escape Jerusalem will flee by this newly made valley which, according to several expositors, will extend from Jerusalem east to the city of Jericho.
4. It will no doubt extend from the Mount of Olives eastward; the extent of the earthquake will be vast, perhaps as far east as the Jordan river.
5. There is both an historical and Biblical record of a severe earthquake during the reign of Uzziah. Josephus relates the catastrophe to Uzziah's attempt to offer incense in the Temple against the protest of the priests (Antiquities IX, 10, 4; compared with 2Ch 26:16-21).
6. When the outlook appears the darkest, the Lord, the "man of war" will come forth to champion their forlorn cause as He has done in time past. Baby Jesus now becomes warrior Jesus.
7. His feet will stand in that day upon the Mount of Olives. Words cannot express more plainly the personal, visible, bodily, literal return of the Lord Jesus Christ in power.
8. Those nail scarred feet will stand and the top of the Mount will blow like Mount Saint Helens but Israel will not be injured; this act on the part of the Lord is only one of many events changing the topography in and around the city of Jerusalem. The city will be elevated and the region around the city will become level plain.
9. The Mount of Olives will cleave in the midst. East of Jerusalem, this mountain affords a formidable barrier to one seeking escape from the city. The bewildered people will have a way of escape supernaturally formed for them.



10. The Lord my God shall come, and all the saints with thee. It will be the glorious appearing of the Son of God, the Lord God himself, with his saints and the holy angels. The prophet is so overpowered by the vision that he changes to a direct address.

10.1 Who are those who come with Him? none other than his angelic army and all the believers of the Gentile Age, Jewish Age, Church Age and the martyrs of the Tribulation.

11. That day will also be unique; it will be a lengthened day, "On that day there will be no light, no cold or frost. It will be a unique day, without daytime or nighttime a day known to the Lord. When evening comes, there will be light."

11.1 The day will be characterized by supernatural celestial disturbances making the day unparalleled in the annals of human history.

12. Verse seven explains why this day will be so unique.

12.1 It will be a peculiar day, the only one of its kind, compare Eze 7:5, Song of Solomon 6:9 and Deu 6:4 for other uses of Echad; also note how Deu 6:4 is used by Paul to explain his message in terms Israel should have understood.

Eze 7:4 And mine eye shall not spare thee, neither will I have pity: but I will recompense thy ways upon thee, and thine abominations shall be in the midst of thee: and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

Eze 7:5 Thus saith the Lord GOD; An evil, "(a unique discipline), behold, is come.

Son 6:9 My dove, my undefiled is but "one;" she is the only "one" of her mother, she is the choice "one" of her that bare her. The daughters saw her, and blessed her; yea, the queens and the concubines, and they praised her.

Deu 6:4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD:

12.1.1 This verse is used by Paul to witness to his Jewish friends.

Rom 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

Rom 10:10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

12.1.2 Some have in error thought this Scripture requires belief and confession in order to be saved. Paul will use the most sacred Shema to explain the correct meaning of the Shema ritual and the meaning of Rom 10:9-10

Deu 6:4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: In the Hebrew Deu 6:4 reads: "Shema" Yisrael Yehovah Elohenu Yehovah Echad."

12.1.3 Translation: Listen up Israel and pay attention: The Lord Jehovah is our plural God; the Lord Jehovah became one and unique.

12.1.4 Paul is stressing the need to decide to be a real Jew by faith and that the Shema's purpose was and is to put the right words in their mouth so that they would believe it. Moses understood this need; in Rom 10:8 Paul tells his Jewish friends that the Shema is in their mouth and will bring salvation if they would but believe it.

Rom 10:8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;

12.1.5 The Shema of Deu 6:4 was quoted twice daily in synagogues all over the Roman Empire. It is still done today, every Saturday though the Jew like as in Paul's day has no idea of its meaning.

Deu 6:4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD:

Expanded Translation:

Listen up Israel, the Godhead is our plural God; the revealed personality of the Trinity - the Messiah became unique and One.

12.1.6 This confession is well recognized by Moses and Paul as the entrance to salvation, i.e., simply believe what you recite and it matters not if you recite it and then believe it or you believe it and then recite it. The key says Paul is to believe what you have been saying for so many years.

12.1.7 In essence Paul is saying Christ is the unique One of the Trinity so just accept him and be saved, it is in your mouth so believe what you have for so long been confessing.

12.1.8 Again the verses:

Deu 6:4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD:

Rom 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

Rom 10:10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

12.1.9 There is another interesting statement in Rom 10:6-8 which is a quotation of Deu 30:11-14. Moses before establishing the Shema prepared the Jew by telling them to stop being so interested in doing things for God but to instead direct their attention to believing what they were ritualistically reciting in the Shema. Paul quotes Moses for the same reason.

Rom 10:6 But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:)

Deu 30:12 It is not in heaven, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go up for us to heaven, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it?

Rom 10:7 Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.)

Deu 30:13 Neither is it beyond the sea, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go over the sea for us, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it?

Rom 10:8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;

Deu 30:14 But the word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it.

12.2 Now let's return to our study of that unique day.

12.2.1 The day will be known only to the Lord and to no one else or better it will be understood only by the Lord that is, only perceived or comprehended by Him since it is uniquely the time of His power and glory in the fulfillment of His will.

12.2.2 By its physical nature the day will be neither day nor night, it will not be day for the natural sources of light will fail, for the source of the Light will be the magnificent Light of the glory of the Lord and the myriads of His holy angels and the glorified saints reflected on the earth.

12.2.3 The day will also be unique simply because of its eventual blissful outcome.

13. Isaiah prophesies just such a time of sidereal, atmospheric and climatic changes in Isa 30:26-30.

Isa 30:26 The moon will shine like the sun, and the sunlight will be seven times brighter, like the light of seven full days, when the LORD binds up the bruises of his people and heals the wounds he inflicted.

Isa 30:27 See, the Name of the LORD comes from afar, with burning anger and dense clouds of smoke; his lips are full of wrath, and his tongue is a consuming fire.

Isa 30:28 His breath is like a rushing torrent, rising up to the neck. He shakes the nations in the sieve of destruction; he places in the jaws of the peoples a bit that leads them astray.

Isa 30:29 And you will sing as on the night you celebrate a holy festival; your hearts will rejoice as when people go up with flutes to the mountain of the LORD, to the Rock of Israel.

Isa 30:30 The LORD will cause men to hear his majestic voice and will make them see his arm coming down with raging anger and consuming fire, with cloudburst, thunderstorm and hail.

14. Christ as the light of the world appearing at evening will usher in the glad new order of things in the millennial earth.

14.1 What a nightmare of judgment He will bring to both Jew and Gentile in a godless world and, what deliverance will be brought by Him Who is earth's only rightful King of kings and Lord of lords.

14.2 Not until He comes and is received as such will earth's woes be alleviated and earth's sorrows healed.

15. His splendid advent involves Israel's destiny and the world's only hope for righteousness and true peace.

16. There will be no need for natural light in the Millennium because the Light of The World arrives on the scene and all "billy heck" breaks loose.

17. Day may indeed prevail in order to provide no escape from the Lord's wrath; blood will flow as deep as the bridle of a horse for 200 miles. Israel will be redeemed and the wealth of the world will become Israel's.

18. And now for an expanded translation of Zec 14:4-7.

Expanded Translation

Zec 14:4 Jesus Christ will return at His 2nd Advent to the Mount of Olives and when His nail scarred foot touches earth there will be a great earthquake splitting the mount.

Zec 14:5 When the Lord returns from heaven, all those trapped in the city will flee to the east using the great valley caused by the Lord's return. When Jesus' foot touches earth atop the Mount, the Mount of Olives will split open making a huge valley and way of escape.

The valley will extend all the way to Jericho a city located some 25 miles east of Jerusalem. Then the Lord God will move out with His Angelic army against the armies of the world.

Zec 14:6 On that day there will be no light from the sun because all the light needed will come from the Supernatural Aura of the Light of the World. That Light will be so special it defies human description.

Zec 14:7 It will be a unique day-- a day known only to the LORD. Christ as the Light of the World will always shine, there will be no night, no darkness and no need for rest in perfect environment.

19. And now for the establishment of The Messianic Kingdom.

Zec 14:8 On that day living water will flow out from Jerusalem, half to the eastern sea and half to the western sea, in summer and in winter.

Principles

1. As we begin our study of Zec 14:8-21 Zechariah draws to a close the grand finale of Israel's hope for the future - the long promised and long awaited kingdom of the Messiah.

2. As a prerequisite to this prophetic denouement, the future deliverance and national conversion is described in glowing language (Zec 12:1-13:8).

3. The King's return is described in Zec 14:1-7 so at last the stage is set for the final scene of full kingdom blessing.

4. Our verse begins "On that day" - although the term in that day has been seen over and over again in chapters 12 and 13 where it describes the intervention of the Lord in history to save Israel, it is also used of the Lord's millennial work.

5. Unger writes of the day of the Lord:

"The day of the Lord, accordingly, is that prophetic period embracing the final phase of Israel's chastisement and trouble, followed by her salvation and deliverance at the second advent of the Messiah (the quintessential phase) and extending throughout the subsequent period of kingdom peace and prosperity, commonly called the millennium."

6. Next follows the phrase "living water will flow out from Jerusalem, half to the eastern sea and half to the western sea, in summer and in winter an unusual but common metaphor.

6.1 Spiritually it no doubt describes the Lord's presence and the effect on Israel but literally it describes a topographical change; water will flow from the city west to the Mediterranean and east to the Dead Sea.



7. These waters then will be literal waters although they also reflect a spiritual blessing for Israel. It is not unusual to find such meaning, i.e., a literal and spiritual meaning from a single phrase.

8. This phrase living waters will flow affects both land and people, as throughout many of the great prophecies of Israel's future kingdom status.

8.1 Compare for example Isa 4:3 and 4 (a restoration of the people) with 4:5 and 6 (a restoration of the land) and Eze 36:16-37:28 (restoration of the people) with Eze 36:1-15 (restoration of the land).

Isa 4:3 And it shall come to pass, that he that is left in Zion, and he that remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, even every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem:

Isa 4:4 When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning.

Isa 4:5 And the LORD will create upon every dwelling place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night: for upon all the glory shall be a defense.

Isa 4:6 And there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the daytime from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a covert from storm and from rain.

9. Other topographical changes will take place which apparently will elevate Jerusalem so that waters flowing from Jerusalem will go half to the eastern sea, the Dead Sea, and half to the western sea, the Mediterranean Sea.

10. There will be other unusual phenomena occurring in connection with the second coming of Christ. A great many events are packed into a relatively short period of time.

Isa 11:10 In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his place of rest will be glorious.

Isa 11:11 In that day the Lord will reach out his hand a second time to reclaim the remnant that is left of his people from Assyria, from Lower Egypt, from Upper Egypt, from Cush, from Elam, from Babylonia, from Hamath and from the islands of the sea.

Isa 11:12 He will raise a banner for the nations and gather the exiles of Israel; he will assemble the scattered people of Judah from the four quarters of the earth.

Isa 34:4 All the stars of the heavens will be dissolved and the sky rolled up like a scroll; all the starry host will fall like withered leaves from the vine, like shriveled figs from the fig tree.

Joe 2:10 Before them the earth shakes, the sky trembles, the sun and moon are darkened, and the stars no longer shine.

Joe 2:30 I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and billows of smoke.

Joe 2:31 The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD.

Joe 3:10 Beat your plowshares into swords and your pruning hooks into spears.

Joe 3:11 Come quickly, all you nations from every side, and assemble there. Bring down your warriors, O LORD!

Joe 3:12 "Let the nations be roused; let them advance into the Valley of Jehoshaphat, for there I will sit to judge all the nations on every side.

Joe 3:13 Swing the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, trample the grapes, for the winepress is full and the vats overflow-- so great is their wickedness!"

Mat 24:29 "Immediately after the distress of those days "the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.'

Mat 24:30 "At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory.

Mat 24:31 And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.

11. Jerusalem as the capital of the millennial earth will be the radiating center of spiritual blessing reflected by the literal physical and climatic transformation of Palestine.

12. Living waters is a translation from Mayim Chayim better translated waters that are in the act of living (the verb **Chaya** is found here as a participle). The waters manifest life by moving in fresh fulness, as in a running brook or river, or gurgling from a perennial spring, or rising up in a well (Song of Solomon 4:15; Joh 4:10, 11; and Joh 7:38).

Son 4:15 A fountain of gardens, a well of living waters, and streams from Lebanon.

Joh 4:10 Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.

Joh 4:11 The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water?

Joh 7:38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water

Joh 7:39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

13. Jeremiah similarly uses living water when speaking for the Lord, My people have committed two evils they have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters, and they have hewn out for themselves cisterns, broken cisterns, which cannot hold water. (Jer 2:13; compared with Jer 17:13)

Jer 2:13 "My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.

Jer 17:13 O LORD, the hope of Israel, all who forsake you will be put to shame. Those who turn away from you will be written in the dust because they have forsaken the LORD, the spring of living water.

14. Unger has written “Our verse seven describes not mere water caught from rain and stored in a lime caulked tank or cistern, but living water gushing from a perennial spring, cold, fresh and exhilarating to the taste, depicting the true blessings coming from God, in contrast with the paltry flat substitutes offered by sin.”

15. Jerusalem and Judah have always lacked what a middle eastern paradise must have, namely a copious supply of fresh water. Thus a river went out of Eden to water the garden. (Gen 2:10-14)

Gen 2:10 A river watering the garden flowed from Eden; from there it was separated into four head waters.

Gen 2:11 The name of the first is the Pishon; it winds through the entire land of Havilah, where there is gold.

Gen 2:12 (The gold of that land is good; aromatic resin and onyx are also there.)

Gen 2:13 The name of the second river is the Gihon; it winds through the entire land of Cush.

Gen 2:14 The name of the third river is the Tigris; it runs along the east side of Asshur. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

16. Compare also paradise restored, described in Rev 22:1 and the life giving spring coming from under the threshold of the sanctuary dispensing fertility to the entire desert region. (Eze 47:1-12)

Rev 22:1 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ...

Eze 47:1 The man brought me back to the entrance of the temple, and I saw water coming out from under the threshold of the temple toward the east (for the temple faced east). The water was coming down from under the south side of the temple, south of the altar.

Eze 47:2 He then brought me out through the north gate and led me around the outside to the outer gate facing east, and the water was flowing from the south side.

Eze 47:3 As the man went eastward with a measuring line in his hand, he measured off a thousand cubits and then led me through water that was ankle-deep.

Eze 47:4 He measured off another thousand cubits and led me through water that was knee-deep. He measured off another thousand and led me through water that was up to the waist.

Eze 47:5 He measured off another thousand, but now it was a river that I could not cross, because the water had risen and was deep enough to swim in-- a river that no one could cross.

Eze 47:6 He asked me, "Son of man, do you see this?" Then he led me back to the bank of the river.

Eze 47:7 When I arrived there, I saw a great number of trees on each side of the river.

Eze 47:8 He said to me, "This water flows toward the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah, where it enters the Sea. When it empties into the Sea, the water there becomes fresh.

Eze 47:9 Swarms of living creatures will live wherever the river flows. There will be large numbers of fish, because this water flows there and makes the salt water fresh; so where the river flows everything will live.

Eze 47:10 Fishermen will stand along the shore; from En Gedi to En Eglaim there will be places for spreading nets. The fish will be of many kinds-- like the fish of the Great Sea.

Eze 47:11 But the swamps and marshes will not become fresh; they will be left for salt.

Eze 47:12 Fruit trees of all kinds will grow on both banks of the river. Their leaves will not wither, nor will their fruit fail. Every month they will bear, because the water from the sanctuary flows to them. Their fruit will serve for food and their leaves for healing."

17. Joel also spoke of brooks flowing full of water from the house of the Lord. (Joe 3:18)

Joe 3:18 "In that day the mountains will drip new wine, and the hills will flow with milk; all the ravines of Judah will run with water. A fountain will flow out of the LORD'S house and will water the valley of acacias.

18. The psalmist foresaw the same scene in Psa 46:1-6: the mountains reel and its waters roar and foam.

Psa 46:1 God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

Psa 46:2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,

Psa 46:3 though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.
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Psa 46:4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.

Psa 46:5 God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.

Psa 46:6 Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts.

19. Our verse seven also indicates the streams will be abundant and perennial, not drying up as most Palestinian water courses do in summer.

20. And now for an expanded translation of Zec 14:8.

Expanded Translation

Zec 14:8 During the Millennium there will flow from the Throne of God in Jerusalem, living water, half to the eastern sea and half to the western sea, in summer and in winter.

21. Now let's see what we can learn from Zec 14:9.

Zec 14:9 The LORD will be king over the whole earth. On that day there will be one LORD, and his name the only name.

Principles

1. Clearly from this verse we see the Lord will rule all of planet earth, not just in The Holy Land.
2. The Messiah will reign from Zion, but all the earth will rejoice in his benevolent and beneficent rule.
3. His manifested glory will be adored throughout the universe (Isa 54:4-17; Dan 2:44-45; Rev 11:15).

Isa 54:4 "Do not be afraid; you will not suffer shame. Do not fear disgrace; you will not be humiliated. You will forget the shame of your youth and remember no more the reproach of your widowhood.

Isa 54:5 For your Maker is your husband-- the LORD Almighty is his name-- the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer; he is called the God of all the earth.

Isa 54:6 The LORD will call you back as if you were a wife deserted and distressed in spirit-- a wife who married young, only to be rejected," says your God.

Isa 54:7 "For a brief moment I abandoned you, but with deep compassion I will bring you back.

Isa 54:8 In a surge of anger I hid my face from you for a moment, but with everlasting kindness I will have compassion on you," says the LORD your Redeemer.

Isa 54:9 "To me this is like the days of Noah, when I swore that the waters of Noah would never again cover the earth. So now I have sworn not to be angry with you, never to rebuke you again.

Isa 54:10 Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed," says the LORD, who has compassion on you.

Isa 54:11 "O afflicted city, lashed by storms and not comforted, I will build you with stones of turquoise, your foundations with sapphires.

Isa 54:12 I will make your battlements of rubies, your gates of sparkling jewels, and all your walls of precious stones.

Isa 54:13 All your sons will be taught by the LORD, and great will be your children's peace.

Isa 54:14 In righteousness you will be established: Tyranny will be far from you; you will have nothing to fear. Terror will be far removed; it will not come near you.

Isa 54:15 If anyone does attack you, it will not be my doing; whoever attacks you will surrender to you.

Isa 54:16 "See, it is I who created the blacksmith who fans the coals into flame and forges a weapon fit for its work. And it is I who have created the destroyer to work havoc;

Isa 54:17 no weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and this is their vindication from me," declares the LORD.

Dan 2:44 And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.

Dan 2:45 Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.

Rev 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

4. The religions of the world will vanish for the knowledge of the Lord will permeate the entire world.

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Zechariah Lesson 114

7-20-2005

1. Last week I taught Zec 14:4-9. When time expired we were about to start the exegesis of Zec 14:10.

2. Before continuing that analysis I want to provide an expanded translation of Zec 14:1-9.

Zec 14:1 Note well Israel, God's judgment day for you and your countrymen is on the way. Plunder will be piled high and handed out to the nations, particularly destructive will be the forces of the King of the North.

Zec 14:2 I'm bringing all the godless nations to war against Judah and particularly Jerusalem - your houses will be plundered, your women will be raped; half of the population of the city will surrender and be killed or enslaved and half will be left in Jerusalem to defend it.

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Zec 14:6 On that day there will be no light from the sun because all the light needed will come from the supernatural aura of the Light of the World. That Light will be so special it defies human description.

Zec 14:7 It will be a unique day--a day known only to the LORD. Christ as the Light of the World will always shine; there will be no night, no darkness and no need for rest in perfect environment.

Zec 14:8 During the Millennium there will flow from the Throne of God in Jerusalem, living water, half to the Dead Sea and half to the Mediterranean Sea, both in summer and winter, a perpetual flow.

Zec 14:9 When the Messiah returns He will be King over the whole earth, not just the Holy Land. All other so called religions will vanish. There will be no more Islamist, Hindu, Buddhist, Scientologist, Christian Scientist or Deist. He, the Christ will replace them all and each will be shown for what they were: impotent, worthless and silly attempts on the part of man to make themselves right with God.

Principles

1. Clearly, from Zec 14:9 we see the Lord will rule all of planet earth, not just in the Holy Land.
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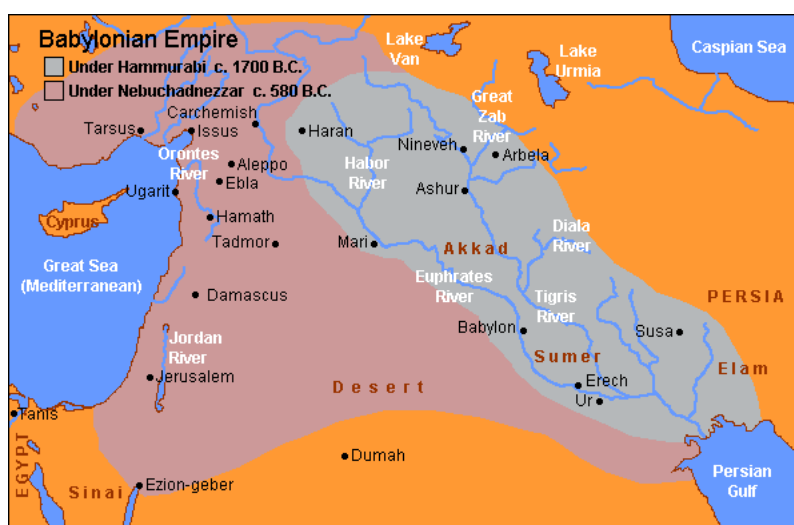
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Isa 54:17 no weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and this is their vindication from me," declares the LORD.

4. The ultimate rule of our Lord was foretold by Daniel in his interpretation of a dream by Nebuchadnezzar but only after several empires come and go. Let me provide an expanded translation of Dan 2:1-38 and then we will put these verses in the context of the terrible dream which trouble the great King of Babylon.



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Dan 2:1 In the second year of his reign, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; his mind was troubled and he could not sleep.

Dan 2:2 So the king summoned the magicians, enchanters, sorcerers and astrologers to tell him what he had dreamed. When they came in and stood before the king,

Dan 2:3 he said to them, "I have had a dream that troubles me and I want to know what it means."

Dan 2:4 Then the astrologers answered the king in Aramaic, "O king, live forever! Tell your servants the dream, and we will interpret it."

Dan 2:5 The king replied to the astrologers, "This is what I have firmly decided: If you do not tell me what my dream was and interpret it, I will have you cut into pieces and your houses turned into piles of rubble.

Dan 2:6 But if you tell me the dream and explain it, you will receive from me gifts and rewards and great honor. So tell me the dream and interpret it for me."

Dan 2:7 Once more they replied, "Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will interpret it."

Dan 2:8 Then the king answered, "I am certain that you are trying to gain time, because you realize that this is what I have firmly decided:

Dan 2:9 If you do not tell me the dream, there is just one penalty for you. You have conspired to tell me misleading and wicked things, hoping the situation will change. So then, tell me the dream, and I will know that you can interpret it for me."

Dan 2:10 The astrologers answered the king, "There is not a man on earth who can do what the king asks! No king, however great and mighty, has ever asked such a thing of any magician or enchanter or astrologer.

Dan 2:11 What the king asks is too difficult. No one can reveal it to the king except the gods, and they do not live among men."

Dan 2:12 This made the king so angry and furious that he ordered the execution of all the wise men of Babylon.

Dan 2:13 So the decree was issued to put the wise men to death, and men were sent to look for Daniel and his friends to put them to death.

Dan 2:14 When Arioch, the commander of the king's guard, had gone out to put to death the wise men of Babylon, Daniel spoke to him with wisdom and tact.

Dan 2:15 He asked the king's officer, "Why did the king issue such a harsh decree?" Arioch then explained the matter to Daniel.

Dan 2:16 At this, Daniel went in to the king and asked for time, so that he might interpret the dream for him.

Dan 2:17 Then Daniel returned to his house and explained the matter to his friends Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah.

Dan 2:18 He urged them to plead for mercy from the God of heaven concerning this mystery, so that he and his friends might not be executed with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.

Dan 2:19 During the night the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision. Then Daniel praised the God of heaven

Dan 2:20 and said: "Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his.

Dan 2:21 He changes times and seasons; he sets up kings and deposes them. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning.

Dan 2:22 He reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what lies in darkness, and light dwells with him.

Dan 2:23 I thank and praise you, O God of my fathers: You have given me wisdom and power, you have made known to me what we asked of you, you have made known to us the dream of the king."

Dan 2:24 Then Daniel went to Arioch, whom the king had appointed to execute the wise men of Babylon, and said to him, "Do not execute the wise men of Babylon. Take me to the king, and I will interpret his dream for him."

Dan 2:25 Arioch took Daniel to the king at once and said, "I have found a man among the exiles from Judah who can tell the king what his dream means."

Dan 2:26 The king asked Daniel (also called Belteshazzar), "Are you able to tell me what I saw in my dream and interpret it?"

Dan 2:27 Daniel replied, "No wise man, enchanter, magician or diviner can explain to the king the mystery he has asked about,

Dan 2:28 but there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries. He has shown King Nebuchadnezzar what will happen in days to come. Your dream and the visions that passed through your mind as you lay on your bed are these:

Dan 2:29 "As you were lying there, O king, your mind turned to things to come, and the revealer of mysteries showed you what is going to happen.

Dan 2:30 As for me, this mystery has been revealed to me, not because I have greater wisdom than other living men, but so that you, O king, may know the interpretation and that you may understand what went through your mind.

Dan 2:31 "You looked, O king, and there before you stood a large statue -- an enormous, dazzling statue, awesome in appearance.

Dan 2:32 The head of the statue was made of pure gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze,

Dan 2:33 its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of baked clay.

Dan 2:34 While you were watching, a rock was cut out, but not by human hands. It struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay and smashed them.

Dan 2:35 Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold were broken to pieces at the same time and became like chaff on a threshing floor in the summer. The wind swept them away without leaving a trace. But the rock that struck the statue became a huge mountain and filled the whole earth.

Dan 2:36 "This was the dream, and now we will interpret it to the king.

Dan 2:37 You, O king, are the king of kings. The God of heaven has given you dominion and power and might and glory;

Dan 2:38 in your hands he has placed mankind and the beasts of the field and the birds of the air. Wherever they live, he has made you ruler over them all. You are that head of gold.

5. Let's now put these verses in the context of the dream's description.

Expanded Translation

Dan 2:32 The golden head represented you O King as ruler of Chaldea, the breast and arms of silver represent the Kingdom of the Medes and the Persians to follow and the belly and thighs of bronze represent a Grecian empire whose Kingdom will supplant the Medo-Persians.

Dan 2:33 The legs of the image were made of iron representing the Roman Empire and the feet were made of both iron and clay representing the Revived Roman Empire.

Dan 2:34 Then you saw a large uncut stone rolling down a steep grade; it struck the base of the image and the iron and clay were smashed into many pieces. The Stone represented Jesus Christ in His Second Advent Role.

Dan 2:35 As a result of the Stone striking the image, the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold were broken into pieces and a great wind blew them away, not a trace of the shards could be found: and the Large Uncut Stone, a representation of Jesus Christ, became a great mountain, and filled the entire earth; His rulership was recognized by all the nations of the world.

Dan 2:36 Now my King with reference to what you dreamed, I shall interpret it for you.

6. The dream is now interpreted for the king with emphasis on the fourth kingdom, the Roman Empire and the Revived Roman Empire. Dan 2:40

Dan 2:40 Finally, there will be a fourth kingdom, strong as iron--for iron--for iron breaks and smashes everything--and as iron breaks things to pieces, so it will crush and break all the others.

6.1 The peasants of Italy living on the Tiber river moved to the safety of the seven hills of Rome and a city soon evolved.

6.2 Rome soon reached out and conquered her neighbors in Italy. She took her place with Carthage in the west while Syria, Egypt and Macedonia were powers in the east.

6.3 Rome became a fledgling empire in roughly 200 B.C. She grew by leaps and bounds increasing her hegemony by leaps and bounds until the German chieftain Odoacar conquered the last of the Roman Emperors and the legs of iron disappeared in c. A.D. 476. Let me give you a cartographer's view of the first Roman Empire.



6.4 Up to this point, the book of Daniel is historical: but from verse 41 through verse 44, it becomes prophetic.

6.5 The Roman Empire will be a divided kingdom; there is a Rome Empire just described and a Revived Roman Empire waiting even now to be revealed in the Tribulation.

Dan 2:41 And then you saw the feet and toes, made partly of potters' clay (the undetermined nations) and partly of iron (the Revived Roman Empire); this kingdom shall be divided, but it shall have the cohesive political power of the old Roman Empire.
Dan 2:42 And as the ten toes were partly iron and partly clay, so shall the kingdom represented be partly strong and partly broken, the clay being dominated by the stronger iron.

Dan 2:43 And where you saw iron mixed with clay, these nations shall mingle themselves with the seed of men, representing the union of religious and political institutions, but they shall not completely adhere, even as iron does not mix with clay.

6.6 When the Rapture of the church takes place and the Tribulation begins the feet of iron and clay consolidate into the Revived Roman Empire, which shall exist during the seven years of the Tribulation.

Dan 2:44 And at the end of the time of Jacob's trouble, God shall set up the Kingdom of Christ which shall never be destroyed; it shall consume all the nations aligned with the Antichrist; Christ's kingdom shall stand forever.

6.7 The federation of international puppets under the Antichrist form a loose but controlled international unit which will be broken by the Second Advent when the giant stone destroys the armies of the world and Jesus is made King of kings and Lord of lords.

6.8 The fourth king then is the Revived Roman Empire which as we will later see a divided in more than one sense of the word.

Dan 2:45 This is the meaning of the gigantic stone, the Messiah Christ Who was cut out of the mountain, a giant stone made not with the hands of man, but solely a product of God; as you saw the Great Stone break in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver and the gold. The God of the universe has made known to Nebuchadnezzar what will happen in the future. The dream is accurate and the interpretation of it is sure.

6.9 Verses 46-49 describe how Daniel is rewarded.

Dan 2:46 Then the king fell on his face to worship Daniel, and commanded others to worship him also.

Dan 2:47 And he said, surely your God is the God of gods and the Lord of kings; He is a revealer of secrets, having revealed my dream to you.

Dan 2:48 Because of the King's gratitude and admiration for Daniel, Nebuchadnezzar gave him gifts and made him ruler over all the Satrapes and wise men of Babylon.

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7. Summary Points

1. Man's extremity is God's opportunity; Nebuchadnezzar's dream was the means of introducing God to Nebuchadnezzar.

1.1 It will be some time before it "sinks in" but eventually God will have his way with Nebuchadnezzar. After a bout with "zoanthropy" Daniel will finally publish his "salvation tract." But that is getting ahead of ourselves. Oh what the heck—a preview of coming attractions.

Dan 4:1 King Nebuchadnezzar, To the peoples, nations and men of every language, who live in all the world: May you prosper greatly!

Dan 4:2 It is my pleasure to tell you about the miraculous signs and wonders that the Most High God has performed for me.

Dan 4:3 How great are his signs, how mighty his wonders! His kingdom is an eternal kingdom; his dominion endures from generation to generation.

1.2 God could use Daniel to accomplish this great witness before the king because he was a prepared believer. He will also use his three friends to impress the king.

1.3 In fact as we will see in chapter three that Daniel is not around when Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego will be severely tested and pass with flying colors. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, like Daniel, are prepared men. Men full of doctrine and ready to be tested. So when Daniel is off serving the king in some other province, the three amigos are “showing off.”

2. Now back to our story. Human wisdom is futile; all the wise men could not help the king; divine viewpoint (Bible doctrine) however overcomes the futility of human viewpoint.

3. God always has a man for the crisis. Daniel was ready because he was saturated with Bible doctrine; he had Bible doctrine in his soul and was the recipient of capacity for service and blessings from God.

3.1 Prepared men are blessed.

4. Great men of the world are often the most miserable (or frightened); this because true happiness is the exclusive possession of a mature believer, materialistic possessions or positions do not assure peace of mind.

5. A national crisis in this case provided opportunity for witnessing. As a matter of principle, a believer's demonstration of stability under pressure frequently causes the unbeliever to sit up and take notice.

6. Daniel answered Arioch with "counsel and wisdom" instead of hysteria and panic.

6.1 Being in fellowship is imperative for service. Fellowship is a product of confession of sin.

1Jo 1:9 If we confess our sins he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

6.2 Rebound was just as much a part of the life of the Old Testament saint as it is the New Testament saint.

Psa 66:18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:

Psa 32:5 I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

6.3 A prepared believer, to be used of God to the maximum, must move to the high ground of spiritual maturity using a double column advance.

6.4 The two columns are rebound and the consistent intake of the Word.

7. Knowledge of doctrine strengthens faith and provides confidence; not once did Daniel waver or falter. He knew God had the answers and trusted Him to provide the solution needed.

7.1 Wisdom and sound counsel can only come from doctrine in the soul and this Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego had.

7.2 Recall these young men learned under the good King Josiah and though his progenies apparently learned nothing, these little boys running around the palace were positive "their little minds like a sponge soaked up the Word."

8. Fellowship with other believers is important! The Doctrine of Separation teaches us the importance of "peers" and this sometimes demands separation from certain types of people regardless of their eternal destiny. A reversionistic antinomian believer is to be avoided in the same way as an antinomian unbeliever.

8.2 Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego chose their friends properly (one another) and their sound choices paid huge dividends.

9. Prayer is the believer's "hot line" to God. God has provided this grace mechanism. The dynamics of prayer are limitless!

10. Doctrine provides orientation to suffering as well as to success; stability results from doctrine in the soul.

11. Adherence to Bible doctrine can also restore the prosperity of a nation; rejection of Bible doctrine can result in the destruction of a nation. The size of a nation's pivot is critical. A pivot is best defined as "a large group of Bible believing believers resident in a nation."

11.1 Said another way, a large pivot sustains a nation and a large spin-off destroys a nation.

12. Daniel is a perfect example of a believer who knew doctrine, and under the stress and threat of being executed if he first used the doctrine resident in his soul and then God provided the dream and its interpretation.

12.1 Daniel successfully withstood the pressures of both adversity and prosperity. As we will see he did not let his success go to his head.

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3. Last week I spent one hour and eleven pages of documentation to substantiate what the parts of the Golden Statue represented. To best summarize what I taught last week, we are going to look at an expanded translation of the Dan 2:36-49 where the dream is interpreted.

Expanded Translation

Dan 2:36 Now my King with reference to what you dreamed, I shall interpret it for you.

Dan 2:37 You Nebuchadnezzar are unique, for the God of the Universe has given you a remarkable kingdom; a kingdom of glamour and military power.

Dan 2:38 God has given you authority over the entire earth; yes Oh King you are the head of gold.

Dan 2:39 But after you shall arise an inferior Kingdom consisting of the Medes and Persians and after this empire, the Kingdom of Alexander the Great shall arise.

Dan 2:40 This kingdom shall be followed by the Roman Empire, a fourth Kingdom, it will be strong like iron and shall spread from Rome until it has conquered all its neighbors.

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4. The book of Daniel is a marvelous tribute to the grace of God in the life of an unbelieving king and a prepared believer.

5. I want to close our review of Daniel chapter two with a description of the King's vision appropriately annotated.

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Dan 2:32 The head of the statue was made of pure gold (Chaldean Empire), its chest and arms of silver (Medes and Persians), its belly (Graeco-Macedonian Empire of Alexander the Great) and thighs of bronze (Hellenistic Monarchies),

Dan 2:33 its legs of iron (Roman Empire),-- its feet partly of iron and partly of baked clay (Undetermined Gentile Nations).

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Dan 2:35 Then (At the Second Advent) the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold were broken to pieces at the same time and became like chaff on a threshing floor in the summer. The wind swept them away without leaving a trace. But the rock that struck the statue became a huge mountain and filled the whole earth--The Millennial Rule of Christ.

6. Like in the days of Nebuchadnezzar, when Christ returns the religions of the world will be ordered off the scene of history. A knowledge of Christ will pervade all of planet earth and heresy and blasphemy will be extirpated.

7. Let's see how Zec 14:9 looks by way of an expanded translation.

Expanded Translation

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8. And now for a description of further topographical changes.

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Zec 14:10 The whole land, from Geba to Rimmon, south of Jerusalem, will become like the Arabah. But Jerusalem will be raised up and remain in its place, from the Benjamin Gate to the site of the First Gate, to the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananel to the royal winepresses.

Principles

1. Geba: A city in the inheritance of Benjamin (Jos 18:21, 24).

Jos 18:21 Now the cities of the tribe of the children of Benjamin according to their families were Jericho, and Bethhoglah, and the valley of Keziz ...

Jos 18:24 And Chepharhaammonai, and Ophni, and Geba; twelve cities with their villages:

1.1 It is located six miles north, north-east of Jerusalem. It occupies a hill (Hebrew Geba means "hill," "height") on the south side of a gorge, opposite Michmash. (1Sa 14:5)

1Sa 14:5 The forefront of the one was situate northward over against Michmash, a city just west of Jericho, and the other southward over against Gibeah.

1Sa 14:6 And Jonathan said to the young man that bare his armour, Come, and let us go over unto the garrison of these uncircumcised: it may be that the LORD will work for us: for there is no restraint to the LORD to save by many or by few ...

1Sa 14:13 And Jonathan climbed up upon his hands and upon his feet, and his armour bearer after him: and they fell before Jonathan; and his armour bearer slew after him.

2. Rimmon: A city located in Judah's inheritance near the town of Ain (Jos 15:32) but also in Simeon's territory (1Ch 4:32).

Jos 15:20 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Judah according to their families ...

Jos 15:32 And Lebaoth, and Shilhim, and Ain, and Rimmon: all the cities are twenty and nine, with their villages:

1Ch 4:24 The sons of Simeon were, Nemuel, and Jamin, Jarib, Zerah, and Shaul ...

1Ch 4:28 And they dwelt at Beersheba, and Moladah, and Hazarshual ... These we Ñre their cities unto the reign of David ...

1Ch 4:32 And their villages were, Etam, and Ain, Rimmon, and Tochen, and Ashan, five cities:

2.1 It is identified with a site some nine miles north of Beersheba.

3. The word Arabah describes, as we saw on the map of The Geographical Regions, a flat arid region, a plain a low land.

4. Jerusalem will be located on a high hill with a level plain surrounding the city for miles and miles in all directions.

5. Next follows a description of the city of Jerusalem. The purpose of the description: Jerusalem will be raised up and remain in its place, from the Benjamin Gate to the site of the First Gate, to the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananel to the royal winepresses speaks to the size of the Millennial Jerusalem.

6. The city shall be like as it was during the hay day of David and Solomon's reign.
7. Now we are ready for an expanded translation of Zec 14:10.

Expanded Translation

Zec 14:10 The hill country of Benjamin and Judah shall be leveled; the country around Jerusalem will become like the Arabah, a level plain. Jerusalem will be raised up from the Benjamin Gate to the site of the First Gate, to the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananel to the royal winepresses just as it was during the days of Israel's greatest prosperity.

8. And now for a study of Zec 14:11.

Zec 14:11 It will be inhabited; never again will it be destroyed. Jerusalem will be secure.

Hebrew:

Yashav - And the remnant shall dwell, abide live in the Millennium

Be Ha - in it

Va Cherem Lo - and that which cannot be redeemed from destruction

Hayah Od - shall be no more

Va Yerushalaim Yashav - and Jerusalem shall abide

Le Batach - in safety, security, (as a rabbit in a cave)

Principles

1. Jerusalem shall be peaceably inhabited by the saints from the Gentile Age, The Jewish Age Proper, those who die in the Kingdom Age and Tribulation saints.
2. It will be inhabited; never again will it be destroyed. Jerusalem will be secure.
3. The word inhabited is a translation of **Yashav**, a common word found many places. One such use by Jeremiah is:
Jer 17:5 Thus saith the LORD; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD.
Jer 17:6 For he shall be like the barren bush in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and "not inhabited."
4. In this bold prediction Zechariah tells us Jerusalem shall be like the animal who finds a safe cave or hole in the ground where it can live secure from all predators.
5. Isaiah like Zechariah speaks of the millennial Jerusalem as the central place into which all the world will come for worship.

Isa 2:3 And it shall come to pass in the last days that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills and all nations shall flow into it.

6. That the city shall be inhabited in peace is clear, the city will never again be destroyed as in 586 B.C., 70 A.D. and just before the Lord Jesus returns.

7. And now for an expanded translation of Zec 14:11.

Expanded Translation

Zec 14:11 Jerusalem will be inhabited by the saints of God during the Millennium; never again will Jerusalem be destroyed. Jerusalem will be safely inhabited.

8. And now for a description of operation Mop Up. Zec 14:12-15

Zec 14:12 This is the plague with which the LORD will strike all the nations that fought against Jerusalem: Their flesh will rot while they are still standing on their feet, their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongues will rot in their mouths.

Zec 14:13 On that day men will be stricken by the LORD with great panic. Each man will seize the hand of another, and they will attack each other.

Zec 14:14 And Judah also shall fight at Jerusalem; and the wealth of all the heathen round about shall be gathered together, gold, and silver, and apparel, in great abundance.

Zec 14:15 And so shall be the plague of the horse, of the mule, of the camel, and of the ass, and of all the beasts that shall be in these tents, as this plague.

Principles

1. This verse is related to Zec 14:3.

Zec 14:3 Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.

2. The Lord will accomplish his victory over the invading forces by smiting them with a supernatural, flesh-consuming plague.

3. Confusion and civil strife will complete the work of the Lord's devastation.

4. Three divinely ordered weapons are described in these verses as being unleashed against the last-day enemies of the godly remnant:

4.1 a deadly plague vss 12 and 15

Zec 14:12 This is the plague with which the LORD will strike all the nations that fought against Jerusalem: Their flesh will rot while they are still standing on their feet, their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongues will rot in their mouths.

Zec 14:15 And so shall be the plague of the horse, of the mule, of the camel, and of the ass, and of all the beasts that shall be in these tents, as this plague.

4.2 a frightful consternation producing mutual annihilation vs 13 and

Zec 14:13 On that day men will be stricken by the LORD with great panic. Each man will seize the hand of another, and they will attack each other.

4.3 the valor of the remnant of Judah who shall also fight at Jerusalem vs 14

Zec 14:14 And Judah also shall fight at Jerusalem; and the wealth of all the heathen round about shall be gathered together, gold, and silver, and apparel, in great abundance.

5. Chronologically these verses follow Zec 14:1-3. Zechariah in Zec 14:12-15 now proceeds with the details of the destruction of Israel's enemies. Let's look at each verse in a little more detail. First verse 12:

Zec 14:12 This is the plague with which the LORD will strike all the nations that fought against Jerusalem: Their flesh will rot while they are still standing on their feet, their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongues will rot in their mouths.

Hebrew:

Zoth Hayah - And this shall be

Ha Magephah - the plague, pestilence

Yehovah Asher Magaq - the Lord shall plague

Eth Kal Ha Am - all the people

Asher Tsava - who have warred

Al Yerushalaim - against Jerusalem

Magaq Beshar Vo - causing a wasting away of his flesh

Va Hu Amad - while standing

Al Ragel Yn - upon his feet

Va Ayin Yn - and his eyes

Magaq - they shall be wasted away

Be Ha Chor Hem - in their holes

Va Lashon No - and a their tongues

Magaq Be Pe Hem - shall be consumed in their mouth

Principles

1. Clearly the operative word here is Magaq found in noun form once and verb form three times.

2. The noun **Magephah** means a blow or fatal stroke (Eze 24:16), that is, a divinely sent plague (Exo 9:14), or pestilence as the tumors visited on the Philistines (1Sa 6:4) or as a stroke against the Lord's chastened people

Ezekiel's Wife Dies

Eze 24:15 Also the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

Eze 24:16 Son of man, behold, I take away from thee the desire of thine eyes with a "stroke:" yet neither shalt thou mourn nor weep, neither shall thy tears run down.

Eze 24:17 Forbear to cry, make no mourning for the dead, bind the tire of thine head upon thee, and put on thy shoes upon thy feet, and cover not thy lips, and eat not the bread of men.

Eze 24:18 So I spake unto the people in the morning: and at even my wife died; and I did in the morning as I was commanded.

Eze 24:19 And the people said unto me, Wilt thou not tell us what these things are to us, that thou doest so?

Eze 24:20 Then I answered them, The word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

Eze 24:21 Speak unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will profane my sanctuary, the excellency of your strength, the desire of your eyes, and that which your soul pitieth; and your sons and your daughters whom ye have left shall fall by the sword.

Exo 9:13 And the LORD said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me.

Exo 9:14 For I will at this time send all my "plagues" upon thine heart, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people; that thou mayest know that there is none like me in all the earth.

Exo 9:15 For now I will stretch out my hand, that I may smite thee and thy people with pestilence; and thou shalt be cut off from the earth.

1Sa 6:3 And they said, If ye send away the ark of the God of Israel, send it not empty; but in any wise return him a trespass offering: then ye shall be healed, and it shall be known to you why his hand is not removed from you.

1Sa 6:4 Then said they, What shall be the trespass offering which we shall return to him? They answered, Five golden emerods, and five golden mice, according to the number of the lords of the Philistines: for one "plague" was on you all, and on your lords.

1Sa 6:5 Wherefore ye shall make images of your emerods, and images of your mice that mar the land; and ye shall give glory unto the God of Israel: peradventure he will lighten his hand from off you, and from off your gods, and from off your land.

1Sa 6:6 Wherefore then do ye harden your hearts, as the Egyptians and Pharaoh hardened their hearts? when he had wrought wonderfully among them, did they not let the people go, and they departed?

1Sa 6:7 Now therefore make a new cart, and take two milch kine, on which there hath come no yoke, and tie the kine to the cart, and bring their calves home from them:

1Sa 6:8 And take the ark of the LORD, and lay it upon the cart; and put the jewels of gold, which ye return him for a trespass offering, in a coffer by the side thereof; and send it away, that it may go.

Num 14:37 Even those men that did bring up the evil report upon the land, died by the "plague" before the LORD.

Num 14:38 But Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, which were of the men that went to search the land, lived still.

2.1 Here in our verse the stroke is wholly supernatural as the Lord strikes Jerusalem's last and cruelest invaders.

2.2 The plague is unparalleled in its severity and fits into that end time period of cataclysmic judgment when the iniquity of the nations in their virulent anti-Semitism is full and the seven last plagues are filled up with the wrath of God (Rev 15:1) poured out in the frightful bowl judgment of the apocalypse and Rev 16:1-21 where we see further wrath emptied on the earth just before the 2nd advent of the Messiah.

Rev 15:1 And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous, seven angels having the seven last "plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God.

Rev 16:1 Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, "Go, pour out the seven bowls of God's wrath on the earth."

Rev 16:2 The first angel went and poured out his bowl on the land, and ugly and painful sores broke out on the people who had the mark of the beast and worshiped his image.

Rev 16:3 The second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it turned into blood like that of a dead man, and every living thing in the sea died.

Rev 16:4 The third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood.

Rev 16:5 Then I heard the angel in charge of the waters say: "You are just in these judgments, you who are and who were, the Holy One, because you have so judged;

Rev 16:6 for they have shed the blood of your saints and prophets, and you have given them blood to drink as they deserve."

Rev 16:7 And I heard the altar respond: "Yes, Lord God Almighty, true and just are your judgments."

Rev 16:8 The fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and the sun was given power to scorch people with fire.

Rev 16:9 They were seared by the intense heat and they cursed the name of God, who had control over these plagues, but they refused to repent and glorify him.

Rev 16:10 The fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom was plunged into darkness. Men gnawed their tongues in agony

Rev 16:11 and cursed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, but they refused to repent of what they had done.

Rev 16:12 The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up to prepare the way for the kings from the East.

Rev 16:13 Then I saw three evil spirits that looked like frogs; they came out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

Rev 16:14 They are spirits of demons performing miraculous signs, and they go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them for the battle on the great day of God Almighty.

Rev 16:15 "Behold, I come like a thief! Blessed is he who stays awake and keeps his clothes with him, so that he may not go naked and be shamefully exposed."

Rev 16:16 Then they gathered the kings together to the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.

Rev 16:17 The seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and out of the temple came a loud voice from the throne, saying, "It is done!"

Rev 16:18 Then there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder and a severe earthquake. No earthquake like it has ever occurred since man has been on earth, so tremendous was the quake.

Rev 16:19 The great city split into three parts, and the cities of the nations collapsed. God remembered Babylon the Great and gave her the cup filled with the wine of the fury of his wrath.

Rev 16:20 Every island fled away and the mountains could not be found.

Rev 16:21 From the sky huge hailstones of about a hundred pounds each fell upon men. And they cursed God on account of the plague of hail, because the plague was so terrible.

3. The stroke or plague is like a horrible disease that spreads through the body with shocking rapidity so that the flesh will rot or decay so quickly that the victim will become a skeleton erect upon his feet with his flesh, a putrid mass.

4. The Lord will cause his flesh to rot, the phrase from the verb **Magaq** is parsed as a hiphil infinitive. The causative infinitive absolute is employed to portray the suddenness of the infliction described and the rapidity of its effect.

4.1 This is the quintessence of biological warfare, a divine concoction which not only is lethal but works quickly, there are no antidotes.

4.2 Never before will humanity experience such a horrible visitation as in this instance of divine justice unloosed against the iniquity of man.

5. Unger writes of the tongue and eye being singled out: The tongue is consumed because it had with wicked impudence blasphemed God. The eye is included because it had sought out God's people to exterminate them in one fell final blow.

6. Beside the deadly plague cited in verse 12, another ordained weapon is unleashed against the end-time enemies of God's people; namely a fearful commotion among those who attack Jerusalem, producing their mutual annihilation.

7. Now for an expanded translation of verse twelve.

Expanded Translation

Zec 14:12 After the deliverance of the remnant in the city; the Lord Jesus will strike the armies of the nations with a terrible plague, a divine concoction which will rot their flesh, their eyes will even rot in their sockets, and their tongues will rot in their mouths; they will be standing erect as strange skeletons amidst a war torn terrain.

8. The fearful commotion is described in Zec 14:13.

Zec 14:13 On that day men will be stricken by the LORD with great panic. Each man will seize the hand of another, and they will attack each other.

Hebrew

Va Hayah - And it shall be

Be Hu Yom - in that day

Mehumoth Rabah Hayah - a great panic and consternation shall be

Be Hem - among them

Va Chazaq - and they shall be caused to take hold and seize

Ish Yad Reeh - every comrade's hand

Va Alah Yad Va - and his hand shall rise up

Al Yad - against the hand

Reeh Vu - of his comrade in arms

7. This is called a great consternation from the Lord. The word confusion is a translation from the Hebrew word Mehumoth meaning tumult, disturbance. The noun comes from the verb Hum meaning to roar, to discomfit or to rush about wildly. It is used in Deu 7:23 and 28:20.

Deu 7:22 The LORD your God will drive out those nations before you, little by little. You will not be allowed to eliminate them all at once, or the wild animals will multiply around you.

Deu 7:23 But the LORD your God will deliver them over to you, throwing them into "great confusion" until they are destroyed.

Curses for Disobedience

Deu 28:15 However, if you do not obey the LORD your God and do not carefully follow all his commands and decrees I am giving you today, all these curses will come upon you and overtake you ...

Deu 28:20 The LORD will send on you curses, "confusion" and rebuke in everything you put your hand to, until you are destroyed and come to sudden ruin because of the evil you have done in forsaking him.

7.1 The confusion is said to be great from the Hebrew Rabbah, a common adjective translated great, more, a lot, etc. All of which such great confusion is declared to be from the Lord.

8. The tumult includes two features:

8.1 first the attacker seizes the hand of his fellow soldier, an idiom for rendering him helpless

8.2 and then with the other hand he strikes his mate with his sword.

9. Now let's see how our verse 13 looks by way of an expanded translation.

Expanded Translation

Zec 14:13 After the remnant escapes from Jerusalem, the Lord will strike the attacking nations with a great panic. The attacking armies will turn against one another each destroying the other.

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1. Last week I taught Zec 14:11, 12 and 13; when time expired we were about to begin exegeting verse fourteen.

2. Before continuing that analysis I want to provide an expanded translation of Zec 14:1-13.

Zec 14:1 Note well Israel, God's judgment day for you and your countrymen is on the way. Plunder will be piled high and handed out to the nations, particularly destructive will be the forces of the King of the North.

Zec 14:2 I'm bringing all the godless nations to war against Judah and particularly Jerusalem - your houses will be plundered, your women will be raped; half of the population of the city will surrender and be killed or enslaved and half will be left in Jerusalem to defend it.

Zec 14:3 But then the Messiah will return, with His heavenly angelic army, His church age saints and the saints who will populate His millennial kingdom; Christ will destroy the godless nations and fight on your behalf, just as He has done so often in the past.

Zec 14:4 Jesus Christ will return at His 2nd Advent to the Mount of Olives and when His nail scarred foot touches earth there will be a great earthquake splitting the mount.

Zec 14:5 When the Lord returns from heaven, all those trapped in the city will flee to the east using the great valley caused by the Lord's return. When Jesus' foot touches earth atop the Mount, the Mount of Olives will split open making a huge valley and way of escape. The valley will extend all the way to Jericho a city located some 25 miles east of Jerusalem. Then the Lord God will move out with His Angelic army against the armies of the world.

Zec 14:6 On that day there will be no light from the sun because all the light needed will come from the Supernatural Aura of the Light of the World. That Light will be so special it defies human description.

Zec 14:7 It will be a unique day-- a day known only to the LORD. Christ as the Light of the World will always shine, there will be no night, no darkness and no need for rest in perfect environment.

Zec 14:8 During the Millennium there will flow from the Throne of God in Jerusalem, living water, half to the Dead Sea and half to the Mediterranean Sea, in summer and in winter.

Zec 14:9 When the Messiah returns He will be King over the whole earth, not just the Holy Land. All other so called religions will vanish. There will be no more Islamist, Hindu, Buddhist, Mormon, Christian Scientist, Seven Day Adventist etc. He, the Christ will replace them all and each will be shown for what they were: impotent, worthless and silly attempts on the part of man to make themselves right with God.

Zec 14:10 The hill country of Benjamin and Judah shall be leveled; the country around Jerusalem will become like the Arabah, a level plain. Jerusalem will be raised up from the Benjamin Gate to the site of the First Gate, to the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananel to the royal winepresses just as it was during the days of Israel's greatest prosperity.

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Zec 14:13 After the remnant escapes from Jerusalem, the Lord will strike the attacking nations with a great panic. The attacking armies will turn against one another each destroying the other.

3. The destruction of the armies of the world by the Lord now makes possible operation mop up.

Zec 14:14 And Judah also shall fight at Jerusalem; and the wealth of all the heathen round about shall be gathered together, gold, and silver, and apparel, in great abundance.

Review Principles

1. Besides the plague described in verse 12 and the great confusion described in verse 13, a third divinely ordained weapon alluded to earlier is specified here.

2. The third weapon being leveled against the latter-day attackers is the faithful military remnant of Judah, who will also fight at Jerusalem.

3. And Judah shall also fight in Jerusalem, not only defending themselves, but making a successful attack upon their former enemies who are now in dire straits given the actions of warrior Jesus.

4. The collection of the wealth of the invading armies will yield an immense quantity of booty for Israel in the form of gold, silver and garments.

5. The wealth will come from the well-equipped contingents composing the invading military powers cast into the utter confusion and ultimately annihilated.

6. These well-equipped military units will have no doubt acquired much of their wealth from Israel and Judah during their march through the land. In fact Zec 14:1 specifically mentions the booty obtained from their earlier battles.

Zec 14:1 Note well Israel, God's judgment day for you and your countrymen is on the way. Plunder will be piled high and handed out to the nations, particularly destructive will be the forces of the King of the North.

7. Now for an expanded translation of Zec 14:14.

Expanded Translation

Zec 14:14 After the ghastly plague and confusion imposed upon the invading armies of the nations, the Lord Jesus will order forth the small but dedicated military remnant of Judah and they shall march out of the city in force. Israel will strip their enemies of all their gold, and silver and apparel even unto Megiddo where the Armies of the Antichrist, Pan Arabic Block, Orient and remnant of the Army of the North are suffering; there they will continue to take the wealth of the nations.

8. Now let's see what we can learn from verse 15.

Zec 14:15 And so shall be the plague of the horse, of the mule, of the camel, and of the ass, and of all the beasts that shall be in these tents, as this plague.

Principles

1. It would seem that verse fifteen has been misplaced, at least from our English perspective but not from the Hebrew.
2. This verse is designed to teach Israel that God's law is God's law and should always be followed.
3. Zec 14:15 describes how the entire encampment of Israel's enemies has been utterly destroyed; this includes animals as well as soldiers.
4. It is almost like the forces of Judah, after arriving first at the battlefield facing Jerusalem and then Megiddo where the majority of the destroyed enemy is found, are surprised to find total destruction even of the cavalry and the beasts of burden.
5. According to the Mosaic Law, an idolatrous city after military defeat was to be totally and completely wiped out and this included even their animals. There were often bans placed on taking anything from such cities.
6. Such was the case in the Lord's destruction of Jericho (Jos 6:17-21).

Jos 6:17 The city and all that is in it are to be devoted to the LORD. Only Rahab the prostitute and all who are with her in her house shall be spared, because she hid the spies we sent.
Jos 6:18 But keep away from the devoted things, so that you will not bring about your own destruction by taking any of them. Otherwise you will make the camp of Israel liable to destruction and bring trouble on it.
7. Achan recall disobeyed the law of the ban and was himself visited with its terrible severity. His oxen and other animals were stoned and burned along with he and his children (Jos 7:24 and 25).

Jos 7:24 Then Joshua, together with all Israel, took Achan son of Zerah, the silver, the robe, the gold wedge, his sons and daughters, his cattle, donkeys and sheep, his tent and all that he had, to the Valley of Achor.

Jos 7:25 Joshua said, "Why have you brought this trouble on us? The LORD will bring trouble on you today." Then all Israel stoned him, and after they had stoned the rest, they burned them.

8. Thus we see the horror of falling under the curse of God, as those who attacked Jerusalem in her final assault. The Lord placed no ban on booty for post Second Advent Israel.

9. Now let's see how verse fifteen looks by way of an expanded translation.

Expanded Translation

Zec 14:15 Upon arriving at the respective encampments of their enemies the forces of Israel are surprised to find not only a suffering army but even the donkeys, camels and horses have been consumed by the terrible plague; the hand of the Lord has destroyed all human and animal life.

10. In Zec 14:16-21 we will learn of Christ's reign during the Millennium.

Zec 14:16 And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles.

Zec 14:17 And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain.

Zec 14:18 And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that have no rain; there shall be the plague, wherewith the LORD will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.

Zec 14:19 This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.

Zec 14:20 In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD; and the pots in the LORD'S house shall be like the bowls before the altar.

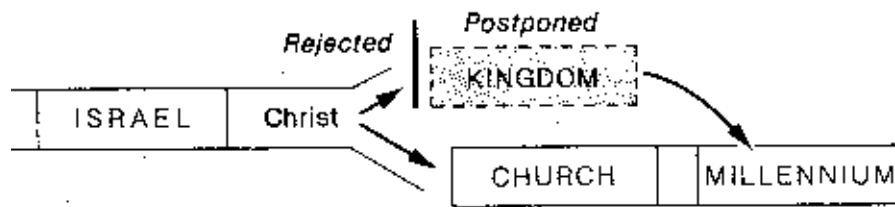
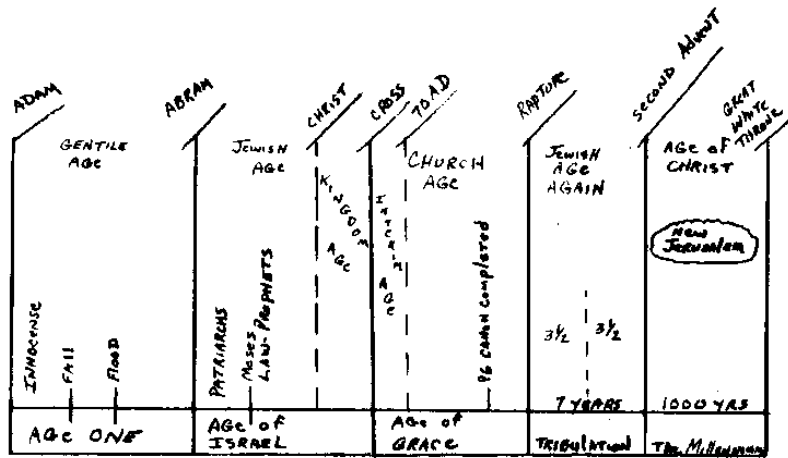
Zec 14:21 Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness unto the LORD of hosts: and all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and seethe therein: and in that day there shall be no more the Canaanite in the house of the LORD of hosts.

11. I think the best way to introduce Zec 14:16-21 is to review the Doctrine of The Millennium.

Doctrine of the Millennium

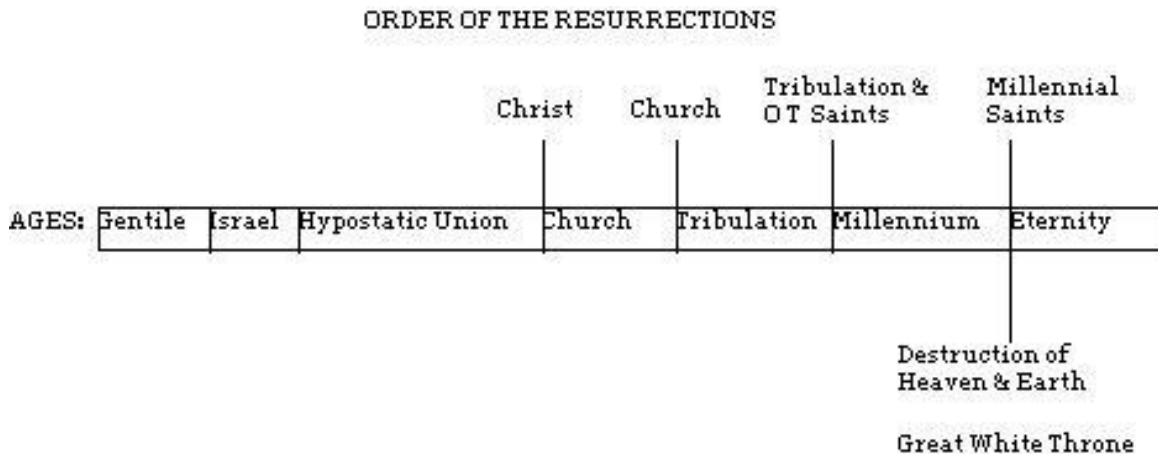
1. Many Old Testament and New Testament passages combine to teach that Christ will be the supreme ruler of the earth in an Age called by many the Age of Christ or the Millennium.

1.1 The Apocalypse as you might imagine speaks to the subject in several places. Revelation 20:1-11 summarizes His role. We have previously spent some time with these passages which describe the Second Advent and Millennium.



1.2 In Daniel 12:2 the two resurrections are also mentioned in connection with the resurrection of Israel to judgment at the Second Advent when some are cast into the lake of fire and some are brought forward to live and reign with Christ in the Millennium. For example in a message to Israel:

Dan 12:2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.



2. Christ as David's Son will sit upon the throne of David as Christ's Executive Officer.

Jer 30:9 Instead, they will serve the LORD their God and David their king, whom I will raise up for them.

Eze 34:23 I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd.

Eze 34:24 I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David will be prince among them. I the LORD have spoken.

Eze 37:24 "My servant David will be king over them, and they will all have one shepherd. They will follow my laws and be careful to keep my decrees.

Eze 37:25 They will live in the land I gave to my servant Jacob, the land where your fathers lived. They and their children and their children's children will live there forever, and David my servant will be their prince forever.

Hos 3:5 Afterward the Israelites will return and seek the LORD their God and David their king. They will come trembling to the LORD and to his blessings in the last days.

3. God's faithfulness to perform what He has promised to David and believing Israel is emphasized in Jer 33:20-21.

Jer 33:20 "This is what the LORD says: 'If you can break my covenant with the day and my covenant with the night, so that day and night no longer come at their appointed time,

Jer 33:21 then my covenant with David my servant--and my covenant with the Levites who are priests ministering before me--can be broken and David will no longer have a descendant to reign on his throne.

4. The rule of Christ shall be over the entire earth. Israel's boundaries will be extensive, far beyond the boundaries of any prior kingdom of David and it will be a forever kingdom.

Gen 15:18 In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed I have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates:

Gen 15:19 The Kenites, and the Kenizzites, and the Kadmonites,

Gen 15:20 And the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Rephaims,

Gen 15:21 And the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.

Dan 2:44 "In the time of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will it be left to another people. It will crush all those kingdoms and bring them to an end, but it will itself endure forever.

Dan 2:45 This is the meaning of the vision of the rock cut out of a mountain, but not by human hands--a rock that broke the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver and the gold to pieces. "The great God has shown the king what will take place in the future. The dream is true and the interpretation is trustworthy."



5. Christ's reign will be a universal rule.

Mic 4:1 In the last days the mountain of the LORD'S temple will be established as chief among the mountains; it will be raised above the hills, and peoples will stream to it.
Mic 4:2 Many nations will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." The law will go out from Zion, the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

6. Christ will rule with a rod of iron in absolute power.

Psa 2:8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession.

Psa 2:9 You will rule them with an iron scepter; you will dash them to pieces like pottery."

Rev 19:15 Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty.

7. All who oppose Him will be punished for His government shall be one of righteousness and peace.

Isa 11:2 The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him--the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD--

Isa 11:3 and he will delight in the fear of the LORD. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears;

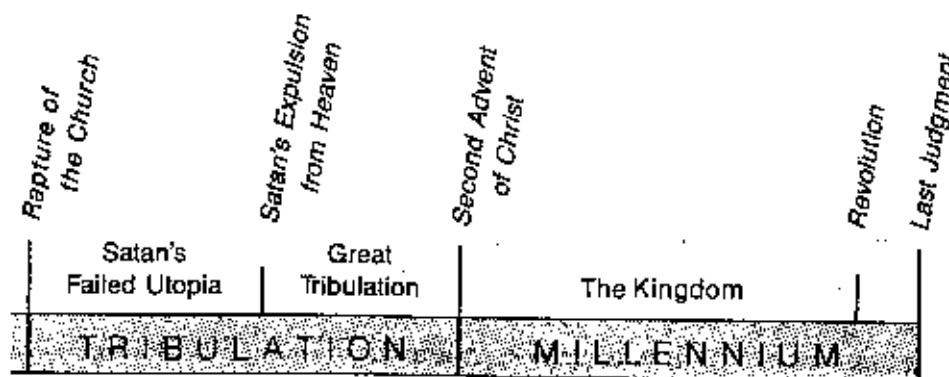
Isa 11:4 but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.

8. These unusual characteristics are made possible in part because Satan is bound and rendered inoperative. The only source of evil in the world will be the sin nature of men still in their human flesh.

Rev 20:1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

Rev 20:2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,

Rev 20:3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.



9. The Millennium will begin with all adults converted by the application of the New Covenant. However there will be unbelieving children born into this age with old sin natures and ill exercised volition.

9.1 Children who are born during this age of Christ will be subject to the righteous rule of Christ and if deemed appropriate by Christ, they may even be executed.

9.2 Volition will remain a divine institution and some number of progenies will reject the "Christ."

10. "Open sin" and evil will be punished and no one will be permitted to disrupt perfect environment.

Zec 14:16 Then the survivors from all the nations that have attacked Jerusalem will go up year after year to worship the King, the LORD Almighty, and to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles.

Zec 14:17 If any of the peoples of the earth do not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD Almighty, they will have no rain.

Isa 11:4 but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.

11. Israel will enjoy a place of privilege and special blessing.

End Lesson Taught 8-3-2005

Zechariah Lesson 117

8-10-2005

1. Last week I exegeted Zec 14:14 and 15 and taught in part the Doctrine of The Millennium. When time expired we were about to look at several passages which teach how Israel will enjoy a place of privilege and blessing in the Millennium.

2. Before continuing our review of The Doctrine of The Millennium I want to provide an expanded translation of Zec 14:1-15.

Zec 14:1 Note well Israel, God's judgment day for you and your countrymen is on the way. Plunder will be piled high and handed out to the nations, particularly destructive will be the forces of the King of the North.

Zec 14:2 I'm bringing all the godless nations to war against Judah and particularly Jerusalem - your houses will be plundered, your women will be raped; half of the population of the city will surrender and be killed or enslaved and half will be left in Jerusalem to defend it.

Zec 14:3 But then the Messiah will return, with His heavenly angelic army; Christ will destroy the godless nations and fight on your behalf, just as He has done so often in the past.

Zec 14:4 Jesus Christ will return at His Second Advent to the Mount of Olives and when His nail scarred foot touches earth there will be a great earthquake splitting Mount Moriah.

Zec 14:5 All those trapped in the city will flee to the east using the great valley caused by the Lord's return. When Jesus' foot touches earth atop the Mount, it will split open making a way of escape. The valley will extend all the way to Jericho, a city located some 25 miles east of Jerusalem. Then the Lord God will move out with His Angelic army against the armies of the world.

Zec 14:6 On that day there will be no light from the sun because all the light needed will come from the supernatural aura of the Light of the World. That Light will be so special it defies human description.

Zec 14:7 It will be a unique day--a day known only to the LORD. Christ as the Light of the World will always shine; there will be no night, no darkness and no need for rest in perfect environment.

Zec 14:8 During the Millennium there will flow from the Throne of God in Jerusalem, living water, half to the Dead Sea and half to the Mediterranean Sea, both in summer and winter, a perpetual flow.

Zec 14:9 When the Messiah returns He will be King over the whole earth, not just the Holy Land. All other so called religions will vanish. There will be no more Islamist, Hindu, Buddhist, Scientologist, Christian Scientist or Deist. He, the Christ will replace them all and each will be shown for what they were: impotent, worthless and silly attempts on the part of man to make themselves right with God.

Zec 14:10 The hill country of Benjamin and Judah shall be leveled; the country around Jerusalem will become like the Arabah, a level plain. Jerusalem will be raised up from the Benjamin Gate to the site of the First Gate, to the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananel to the royal winepresses just as it was during the days of Israel's greatest prosperity.

Zec 14:11 Jerusalem will be inhabited by the saints of God during the Millennium; never again will Jerusalem be destroyed. Jerusalem will be a city of refuge.

Zec 14:12 After the deliverance of the remnant in the city; the Lord Jesus will strike the armies of the nations with a terrible plague, a divine concoction will rot their flesh, their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongues will rot in their mouths; they will be scattered as strange skeletons amidst a massive field of human and animal carnage.

Zec 14:13 After the remnant escapes from Jerusalem, the Lord will strike the residue of the nations with a great panic. The nations will turn against one another, each destroying the other.

Zec 14:14 After the ghastly plague and confusion imposed upon the invading armies of the world, the Lord Jesus will order forth the small but dedicated military remnant of Judah and they shall march out of the city in force. Israel will strip their enemies of all their gold, and silver and apparel even unto Megiddo where the Armies of the Antichrist, Pan Arabic Block, Orient and remnant of the Army of the North are suffering; there Israel will help themselves to the wealth of the nations.

Zec 14:15 Upon arriving at the respective encampments of their enemies the forces of Israel are surprised to find not only a suffering army, but even the donkeys, camels and horses have been consumed by the terrible plague; the hand of the Lord has destroyed all human and animal life.

3. I want to review some of that learned last week and then pick-up with new material at point 11 on page 3.

4. In Zec 14:16-21 we will learn of Israel's Millennial worship and government.

Zec 14:16 And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles.

Zec 14:17 And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain.

Zec 14:18 And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that have no rain; there shall be the plague, wherewith the LORD will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.

Zec 14:19 This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.

Zec 14:20 In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD; and the pots in the LORD'S house shall be like the bowls before the altar.

Zec 14:21 Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness unto the LORD of hosts: and all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and seethe therein: and in that day there shall be no more the Canaanite in the house of the LORD of hosts.

Doctrine of The Millennium

1. Many OT and NT passages combine to teach that Christ will be the supreme ruler of the earth in an Age called by many the Age of Christ.
2. Christ will rule on earth during the Millennium and David will serve as Christ's Executive Officer. Jer 30:9; Eze 34:23-24; 37:24-25 and Hos 3:5
3. God's faithfulness to perform what He has promised is pictured by simile in Jer 33:20-21.
4. The rule of Christ shall be over the entire earth. Israel's boundaries will be extensive, far beyond the boundaries of any prior kingdom of David and it will be a forever kingdom. Gen 15:18-21
5. Christ's reign will be a universal rule. Mic 4:1-2
6. Christ will rule with a rod of iron in absolute power. Psa 2:8-9; Rev 19:15
7. All who oppose Him will be punished for His government shall be one of righteousness and peace. Isa 11:2-4
8. These unusual characteristics are made possible in part because Satan is bound and rendered inoperative. The only source of evil in the world will be the sin nature of men still in their human flesh. Rev 20:1-3
9. The Millennium will begin with all adults converted by the application of the New Covenant. However there will be unbelieving children born into this age with old sin natures and ill exercised volition. Children who are born during this age of Christ will be subject to the righteous rule of Christ and if deemed appropriate by Christ, they may even be executed. Volition will remain a divine institution and some number of progenies will reject the "Christ."
10. "Open sin" and evil will be punished and no one will be permitted to disrupt perfect environment. Zec 14:16-17; Isa 11:4
11. Israel will enjoy a place of privilege and special blessing.
 - 11.1 Many passages bear on this subject. In the Millennium the Israelites will be re-gathered and restored to their promised land. Jer 30:3; 31:8-9; Eze 39:25-28 and Amo 9:11 and 14

Jer 30:3 The days are coming,' declares the LORD, 'when I will bring my people Israel and Judah back from captivity and restore them to the land I gave their forefathers to possess,' says the LORD."

Jer 31:8 See, I will bring them from the land of the north and gather them from the ends of the earth. Among them will be the blind and the lame, expectant mothers and women in labor; a great throng will return.

Jer 31:9 They will come with weeping; they will pray as I bring them back. I will lead them beside streams of water on a level path where they will not stumble, because I am Israel's father, and Ephraim is my firstborn son.

Eze 39:25 "Therefore this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I will now bring Jacob back from captivity and will have compassion on all the people of Israel, and I will be zealous for my holy name.

Eze 39:26 They will forget their shame and all the unfaithfulness they showed toward me when they lived in safety in their land with no one to make them afraid.

Eze 39:27 When I have brought them back from the nations and have gathered them from the countries of their enemies, I will show myself holy through them in the sight of many nations.

Eze 39:28 Then they will know that I am the LORD their God, for though I sent them into exile among the nations, I will gather them to their own land, not leaving any behind.

Amo 9:11 "In that day I will restore David's fallen tent. I will repair its broken places, restore its ruins, and build it as it used to be,

Amo 9:14 I will bring back my exiled people Israel; they will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them. They will plant vineyards and drink their wine; they will make gardens and eat their fruit.

11.2 Israel will be the subjects of the King. Isa 9:6-7; Isa 33:17-20; Jer 23:5-6; Rom 9:4-13; 11:1 and 11:26

Isa 9:6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isa 9:7 Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

Jer 23:5 "The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land.

Jer 23:6 In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness.

Rom 9:4 Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God and the promises ...

Rom 9:6 Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel:

Rom 9:7 Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called.

Rom 9:8 That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed ...

Rom 9:13 As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.

Rom 11:1 I say then, Hath God cast away his people? . . .

Rom 11:26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

12. Israel will have title to their land even as the gentiles receive abundant blessings in their lands.

Isa 19:23 In that day there will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria. The Assyrians will go to Egypt and the Egyptians to Assyria. The Egyptians and Assyrians will worship together ...

Isa 19:25 The LORD Almighty will bless them, saying, "Blessed be Egypt my people, Assyria my handiwork, and Israel my inheritance."

Isa 49:5 And now the LORD says--he who formed me in the womb to be his servant to bring Jacob back to him and gather Israel to himself, for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD and my God has been my strength--

Isa 49:6 he says: "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth."

Isa 49:7 This is what the LORD says--the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel--to him who was despised and abhorred by the nation, to the servant of rulers: "Kings will see you and rise up, princes will see and bow down, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Isa 49:22 This is what the Sovereign LORD says: "See, I will beckon to the Gentiles, I will lift up my banner to the peoples; they will bring your sons in their arms and carry your daughters on their shoulders.

Isa 66:18 "And I, because of their actions and their imaginations, am about to come and gather all nations and tongues, and they will come and see my glory.

Jer 3:17 At that time they will call Jerusalem The Throne of the LORD, and all nations will gather in Jerusalem to honor the name of the LORD. No longer will they follow the stubbornness of their evil hearts.

Jer 16:19 O LORD, my strength and my fortress, my refuge in time of distress, to you the nations will come from the ends of the earth and say, "Our fathers possessed nothing but false gods, worthless idols that did them no good.

13. Although the Millennium is often correctly described as a political rule, it will also be a time of abundant spiritual blessing.

Jer 31:33 "This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time," declares the LORD. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.

Jer 31:34 No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the LORD. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

14. It will certainly be a time of righteousness, prosperity and universal peace.

Psa 72:7 In his days the righteous will flourish; prosperity will abound till the moon is no more.

Isa 2:4 He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.

Isa 12:3 With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

Isa 12:4 In that day you will say: "Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted.

Isa 61:1 The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners,

Isa 61:2 to proclaim the year of the LORD'S favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn,

Isa 61:3 and provide for those who grieve in Zion--to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor.

15. As a center for worship, a millennial Temple is built. It is described in Ezekiel chapters 40 through 46.

15.1 The sacrifices mentioned by Ezekiel seem to be a memorial looking back to the cross even as the Old Testament sacrifices looked forward to Christ's coming.

16. The earth itself will have the curse upon its productivity lifted and there will be prosperity, health and both physical and spiritual blessing such as the world has never known.

Isa 35:1 The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus,
Isa 35:2 it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy. The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the LORD, the splendor of our God ...
Isa 35:7 The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs. In the haunts where jackals once lay, grass and reeds and papyrus will grow.

Isa 30:23 He will also send you rain for the seed you sow in the ground, and the food that comes from the land will be rich and plentiful. In that day your cattle will graze in broad meadows.

17. There will be important changes in the topography of the earth.

17.1 The promised-land will again be the garden spot of the world, the center of God's kingdom in the earth, and the place of unusual blessing.

18. The millennial Kingdom will be the golden age, the climax of earth's history, and the fulfillment of God's purpose to establish His Son as the supreme ruler over the universe.

Isa 45:23 I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.

Rom 14:11 For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.

19. To those who are overcomers says our verse, the sheep, they will be given a rulership role as opposed to the goats. Mat 25:31-46

Mat 25:31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory."

Mat 25:32 "All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats."

Mat 25:33 "He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left."

Mat 25:34 "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.'"

Mat 25:35 "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in,"

Mat 25:36 "I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."

Mat 25:37 "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?'"

Mat 25:38 "When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you?"

Mat 25:39 "When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?"

Mat 25:40 "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'"

Mat 25:41 "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.'"

20. The Church Age began at the ascension of our Lord, as recorded in Acts 1:11 although there is plenty of authority to conclude it technically started in AD 70 with the destruction of Jerusalem.

Acts 1:11 "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

21. We are living in the Church Age, and no man knows when this age will end.

22. We do know it will end with the rapture of the church.

23. The Millennial kingdom will be distinguished by the fact that the Lord Jesus Christ as the Messiah of Israel and King of kings, will rule over the entire earth. (Zec 14:9)

Zec 14:9 The LORD will be king over the whole earth. On that day there will be one LORD, and his name the only name.

24. Included in the topographical changes will be the elevation of Jerusalem as described in Zec 14:10.

Zec 14:10 The whole land, from Geba to Rimmon, south of Jerusalem, will become like the Arabah. But Jerusalem will be raised up and remain in its place, from the Benjamin Gate to the site of the First Gate, to the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananel to the royal winepresses.

24.1 From that day forward Jerusalem will be secure and never be destroyed again.

25. An indication of the rule of Christ as King of kings and Lord of lords is that He will judge the nations that fought against Jerusalem. (Zec 14:12-13)

Zec 14:12 This is the plague with which the LORD will strike all the nations that fought against Jerusalem: Their flesh will rot while they are still standing on their feet, their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongues will rot in their mouths.

Zec 14:13 On that day men will be stricken by the LORD with great panic. Each man will seize the hand of another, and they will attack each other.

26. A plague will seize man and beast alike. Israel will acquire great quantities of gold, silver, and clothing. (Zec 14:14)

Zec 14:14 Judah too will fight at Jerusalem. The wealth of all the surrounding nations will be collected--great quantities of gold and silver and clothing.

27. Those who survive the purging judgments at the beginning of the Millennial kingdom will be required to worship Christ annually. (Zec 14: 16)

Zec 14:16 Then the survivors from all the nations that have attacked Jerusalem will go up year after year to worship the King, the LORD Almighty, and to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles.

28. God will withhold rain from those nations who do not send delegations to Jerusalem when the Feast of Tabernacles is celebrated. (Zec 14:17-19)

Zec 14:17 If any of the peoples of the earth do not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD Almighty, they will have no rain.

Zec 14:18 If the Egyptian people do not go up and take part, they will have no rain. The LORD will bring on them the plague he inflicts on the nations that do not go up to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles.

Zec 14:19 This will be the punishment of Egypt and the punishment of all the nations that do not go up to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles.

29. It will be a time when the holiness of God is especially revealed, and false elements like the Canaanites will be shut out (Zec 14:20-21).

Zec 14:20 On that day HOLY TO THE LORD will be inscribed on the bells of the horses, and the cooking pots in the LORD'S house will be like the sacred bowls in front of the altar.

Zec 14:21 Every pot in Jerusalem and Judah will be holy to the LORD Almighty, and all who come to sacrifice will take some of the pots and cook in them. And on that day there will no longer be a Canaanite in the house of the LORD Almighty.

30. The partial revelation of the nature of the kingdom as described here was amplified in many other Scriptures in both the Old and the New Testaments.

Conclusion

1. The Millennium is a 1,000 year reign of Christ on earth, in perfect environment. The age of perfection begins with the Second Advent and ends with the Gog revolution.

1.1 The Gog revolution is put down by the Lord Jesus Christ.

Rev 20:1 And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain.

Rev 20:2 He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years.

Rev 20:3 He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time.

1.2 The destruction of the forces of Satan and his followers is followed by the Great White Throne.

1.3 The Great White Throne Judgment is followed by the destruction of planet earth when a new perfect environment is ushered "in."

Rev 20:11 Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them.

Rev 20:12 And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books.

Rev 20:13 The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done.

Rev 20:14 Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death.

Rev 20:15 If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

Rev 21:1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.

Rev 21:2 I saw the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

Rev 21:3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.

Rev 21:4 He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

End Lesson Taught 8-10-2005

Zechariah Lesson 118

8-17-2005

1. We have now completed our study of Zec 14:1-15. When time expired I had just finished a study of the Doctrine of The Millennium.

2. Now we are ready to close out our study of the Book of Zechariah.

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Zec 14:16 And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles.

Zec 14:17 And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain.

Zec 14:18 And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that have no rain; there shall be the plague, wherewith the LORD will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.

Zec 14:19 This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.

Zec 14:20 In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD; and the pots in the LORD'S house shall be like the bowls before the altar.

Zec 14:21 Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness unto the LORD of hosts: and all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and seethe therein: and in that day there shall be no more the Canaanite in the house of the LORD of hosts.

Principles

1. As a result of the terrible judgments outlined in verses 12-15, the nations who survive will have learned righteousness (Isa 26:9) by turning in faith and obedience to the Lord Jesus as Savior and Universal Ruler.

Isa 26:9 My soul yearns for you in the night; in the morning my spirit longs for you. When your judgments come upon the earth, the people of the world learn righteousness.

2. With Israel at last converted and reinstated in divine blessing as a Priest Nation (Zec 3:1-5) and as the light of the world (Joh 8:12), with the Messiah King ruling in righteousness and harmony in the midst of her (Zec 6:13), the nations will then be mightily blessed as they willingly submit and serve the King, the Lord of the Armies.

Zec 3:1 Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right side to accuse him.

Zec 3:2 The LORD said to Satan, "The LORD rebuke you, Satan! The LORD, who has chosen Jerusalem, rebuke you! Is not this man a burning stick snatched from the fire?"

Zec 3:3 Now Joshua was dressed in filthy clothes as he stood before the angel.

Zec 3:4 The angel said to those who were standing before him, "Take off his filthy clothes." Then he said to Joshua, "See, I have taken away your sin, and I will put rich garments on you."

Zec 3:5 Then I said, "Put a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him, while the angel of the LORD stood by.

Joh 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

Zec 6:13 It is he who will build the temple of the LORD, and he will be clothed with majesty and will sit and rule on his throne. And he will be a priest on his throne. And there will be harmony between the two.

3. Our last 6 verses extend God's salvation to the ends of the earth-a happy note indeed.

4. But amidst the note of world-wide salvation runs the notice of the Messiah's rod-of-iron rule which will deal firmly and resolutely with all sinners who might arise to attempt to destroy the righteousness and world engulfing peace which will characterize the entire Millennium. (Isa 11:1-9; Amo 9:11-15)

Isa 11:1 A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.

Isa 11:2 The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him-- the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD--

Isa 11:3 and he will delight in the fear of the LORD. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears;

Isa 11:4 but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.

Isa 11:5 Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

Isa 11:6 The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them.

Isa 11:7 The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox.

Isa 11:8 The infant will play near the hole of the cobra, and the young child put his hand into the viper's nest.

Isa 11:9 They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

Amo 9:11 "In that day I will restore David's fallen tent. I will repair its broken places, restore its ruins, and build it as it used to be,

Amo 9:12 so that they may possess the remnant of Edom and all the nations that bear my name," declares the LORD, who will do these things.

Amo 9:13 "The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when the reaper will be overtaken by the plowman and the planter by the one treading grapes. New wine will drip from the mountains and flow from all the hills.

Amo 9:14 I will bring back my exiled people Israel; they will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them. They will plant vineyards and drink their wine; they will make gardens and eat their fruit.

Amo 9:15 I will plant Israel in their own land, never again to be uprooted from the land I have given them," says the LORD your God.

5. Jerusalem will be the millennial capital of the earth.

Zec 14:16 And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles.

Principles

1. The remaining nations will worship the King.

2. They are declared to be the **Yether**, the residual out from the nations. Thus we have the **Yether Min Goyim**.

3. **Yether** often is used to describe a remnant saved from a calamity.

Exo 10:15 They covered all the ground until it was black. They devoured all that was left after the hail--everything growing in the fields and the fruit on the trees. Nothing green "remained" on tree or plant in all the land of Egypt.

2Ki 20:16 Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, "Hear the word of the LORD:

2Ki 20:17 The time will surely come when everything in your palace, and all that your fathers have stored up until this day, will be carried off to Babylon. Nothing will be "left", says the LORD.

1Sa 25:34 Otherwise, as surely as the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, who has kept me from harming you, if you had not come quickly to meet me, not one male belonging to Nabal would have been "left" alive by daybreak."

2Sa 9:1 David asked, "Is there anyone still "left" of the house of Saul to whom I can show kindness for Jonathan's sake?"

4. Those who remain of the nations will come to Jerusalem as delegates from their particular nation; thus the aggregate of those coming represent all of the nations remaining.

5. Those remaining are escapers hence to be left remaining after the terrible judgments of the wicked.

6. When shall these converted come? annually as the Mosaic Law proscribed. Why the Feast of Tabernacles?

6.1 The Feast was a celebration of the Messiah living with man on earth.

6.2 It is the only one of the seven feasts which at that time is unfulfilled.

6.2.1 The Passover was fulfilled by the death of Christ the Redeemer (1Co 5:1 and 1Pe 1:18-19).

1Co 5:7 Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast-- as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.

1Pe 1:18 For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers,

1Pe 1:19 but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

6.2.2 The Feast of The Unleavened Bread is being fulfilled in the holy, separate walk of the believer in fellowship with his Savior (Eph 4:1; Col 1:10-13; Rom 12:1-2; Eph 2:8-10).

Eph 4:1 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,

Col 1:10 And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God,

Col 1:11 being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully

Col 1:12 giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.

Col 1:13 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,

Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Eph 2:8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-- and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God--

Eph 2:9 not by works, so that no one can boast.

Eph 2:10 For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

6.2.3 The Feast of Firstfruits was fulfilled in the resurrection of Christ.

1Co 15:22 For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.

1Co 15:23 But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him.

6.2.4 The Feast of Pentecost was fulfilled in the formation of the Church at Pentecost fifty days after the resurrection of Christ (Eph 4 15-16; 1Co 12:12-13).

Eph 4:15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

Eph 4:16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

1Co 12:12 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.

1Co 12:13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

1Co 12:14 For the body is not one member, but many.

1Co 12:15 If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?

1Co 12:16 And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?

1Co 12:17 If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling?

1Co 12:18 But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.

1Co 12:19 And if they were all one member, where were the body?

1Co 12:20 But now are they many members, yet but one body.

1Co 12:21 And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.

6.2.5 The Feast of Trumpets will be fulfilled in the future regathering of Israel at the beginning of the Millennium. (Isa 18:3; 27:12-13; Eze 37:1-14)

Isa 18:3 All you people of the world, you who live on the earth, when a banner is raised on the mountains, you will see it, and when a trumpet sounds, you will hear it.

Isa 27:12 In that day the LORD will thresh from the flowing Euphrates to the Wadi of Egypt, and you, O Israelites, will be gathered up one by one.

Isa 27:13 And in that day a great trumpet will sound. Those who were perishing in Assyria and those who were exiled in Egypt will come and worship the LORD on the holy mountain in Jerusalem.

Eze 37:1 The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones.

Eze 37:2 He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry.

Eze 37:3 He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I said, "O Sovereign LORD, you alone know."

Eze 37:4 Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD!'"

Eze 37:5 This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life.

Eze 37:6 I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD."

Eze 37:7 So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone.

Eze 37:8 I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

Eze 37:9 Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe into these slain, that they may live.'"

Eze 37:10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet-- a vast army.

Eze 37:11 Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.'"

Eze 37:12 Therefore prophesy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: O my people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel.

Eze 37:13 Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them.

Eze 37:14 I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD."

6.2.6 The Day of Atonement in its prophetic feature will be fulfilled in the conversion of Israel at the 2nd Advent (Zec 12:10-11; 13:1; Eze 11:19-20; and Eze 36:26-28) and in preparation for the Millennium.

Zec 12:10 "And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son.

Zec 12:11 On that day the weeping in Jerusalem will be great, like the weeping of Hadad Rimmon in the plain of Megiddo.

Zec 13:1 "On that day a fountain will be opened to the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and impurity.

Eze 11:19 And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh:

Eze 11:20 That they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

Eze 36:26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

Eze 36:27 And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.

Eze 36:28 You will live in the land I gave your forefathers; you will be my people, and I will be your God.

6.3 Only the Feast of Tabernacles at the time of our Lord's reign remains unfulfilled.

Zec 14:16 When the Messiah makes His home with man on earth, the remnant of nations who had attacked Israel will annually travel to Jerusalem to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles and there they will worship the King, the Lord of the Armies.

Zec 14:17 Should any nation not send delegates to Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord of the Armies will cause a drought in their land.

Zec 14:18 Now if Egypt does not send a delegation to Jerusalem to worship the King and to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles, the nation will get no rain and God will bring them a special plague to punish the entire nation.

Zec 14:19 Yes this shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all nations that do not send a delegation to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles.

Zec 14:20 During the millennial reign of Christ everything in the land shall be pure, sacred and set apart, even the horses and the pots and pans used for cooking will be as sacred as the utensils used in the Holy of Holies.

Zec 14:21 Yes, every pot in the city of Jerusalem and in all of Judah shall be Holy to the Lord: and all they that sacrifice shall come and cook and eat from them; and in that day there shall be no more error in the house of the LORD of the Armies for sin and evil shall be no more in the land of Judah.

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Zechariah Lesson 119

8-24-2005

1. When time expired last week I was in the process of exegeting Zec 14:17-21.
2. I want to review some of that learned and then pick-up with new material on page 2.

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Zec 14:16 And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles.

Principles

1. As a result of the terrible judgments outlined in verses 12-15, the nations who survive will have learned righteousness by turning in faith and obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior and Universal Ruler. Isa 26:9
2. With Israel at last converted and with the Messiah King ruling in righteousness and harmony in the midst of Israel, the nations will then be mightily blessed as they willingly submit and serve the King, the Lord of the Armies.
3. Our last 6 verses extend God's salvation to the ends of the earth- a happy note indeed. But amidst the note of world-wide salvation runs the notice of the Messiah's rod-of-iron rule. Christ will rule firmly and resolutely with all sinners who might arise to attempt to destroy the righteousness and world engulfing peace which will characterize the entire Millennium. Isa 11:1-9; Amo 9:11-15
4. The nations of the world will worship King Jesus. Those who remain of the nations will send delegates annually to Jerusalem where they will participate in the Feast of Tabernacles.
5. Why the Feast of Tabernacles?
 - 5.1 The Feast was a celebration of The Messiah living with man on earth.
 - 5.2 It is the only one of the seven feasts left unfulfilled at the time of Christ's 1000 year reign on earth.

5.2.1 The Passover was fulfilled by the death of Christ the Redeemer.

5.2.2 The Feast of The Unleavened Bread is being fulfilled in the holy, separate walk of the believer in fellowship with his Savior.

5.2.3 The Feast of First-fruits was fulfilled in the resurrection of Christ.

5.2.4 The Feast of Pentecost was fulfilled in the formation of the Church at Pentecost fifty days after the resurrection of Christ.

5.2.5 The Feast of Trumpets will be fulfilled in the future re-gathering of Israel at the beginning of the Millennium.

5.2.6 The Day of Atonement in its prophetic feature will be fulfilled in the conversion of Israel at the 2nd Advent in preparation for the Millennium.

6. Only the Feast of Tabernacles at the time of our Lord's reign remains unfulfilled.

7. Interestingly the joy and blessing foreshadowed in the celebration will not only be the right of saved Israel but such shall also pervade all nations of the earth.

8. God "tabernacling" with man is illustrated by the feast and its eighth day when the Jews move from their booths and into their homes. Such phenomena is in view in Rev 20:1.

Rev 20:1 Behold the tabernacle of God is with men, and He shall dwell with them and they shall be His people.

9. In the Millennium the one festival celebrated is a combination Passover and Feast of Tabernacles. According to Zechariah, the festival will be called The Feast of Tabernacles.

10. Now for an expanded translation of Zec 14:16.

Expanded Translation

Zec 14:16 When the Messiah makes His home with man on earth, the remnant of nations who had attacked Israel will annually travel to Jerusalem to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles and there they will worship the King, the Lord of the Armies.

11. Let's see what we can learn from Zec 14:17.

Zec 14:17 And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain.

Principles

1. The Rod-of -Iron rule regulating millennial worship is emphasized here.

2. That Christ will rule with a rod-or-iron has been well established.

Psa 2:9 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

Psa 2:10 Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth.

Psa 2:11 Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

Rev 2:27 And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.

Rev 12:5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

Rev 19:15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

Rev 19:16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

3. The stern note of verse seventeen is similar to Zec 5:1-4 where the Messiah's rigid rule is also emphasized; there however the of rod-of-iron rule is connected with the removal of sin and evil from Israel.

Zec 5:1 Then I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a flying roll.

Zec 5:2 And he said unto me, What seest thou? And I answered, I see a flying roll; the length thereof is twenty cubits, and the breadth thereof ten cubits.

Zec 5:3 Then said he unto me, This is the curse that goeth forth over the face of the whole earth: for every one that stealeth shall be cut off as on this side according to it; and every one that sweareth shall be cut off as on that side according to it.

Zec 5:4 I will bring it forth, saith the LORD of hosts, and it shall enter into the house of the thief, and into the house of him that sweareth falsely by my name: and it shall remain in the midst of his house, and shall consume it with the timber thereof and the stones thereof.

4. Nations are to send representatives to Jerusalem to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles and if not there will be consequences.

5. The Scriptures are clear, there will be no rain for those nations not sending delegates to the city.

6. Let's see what the verse looks like by way of expanded translation.

Expanded Translation

Zec 14:17 Should any nation not send delegates to Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord of the Armies will cause a drought in their land.

7. And now for a study of Zec 14:18 and 19 where Egypt is singled out for special attention.

Zec 14:18 And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that have no rain; there shall be the plague, wherewith the LORD will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.

Zec 14:19 This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.

Principles

1. From the context there is little to explain why Egypt is distinguished from all other nations; clearly this nation is said to receive not only a drought but also a plague should they not send a delegate.
2. We must therefore look at history as a possible explanation. It is here we find a nation with special ties to Israel.
3. Egypt after all was at one time infamous for enslaving millions of Jews. For more than 400 years this country held God's people in slavery.
4. It was only after God presented the Pharaoh numerous plagues that Egypt agreed to let His people go; however after letting them leave the Pharaoh pursued them in an effort to eradicate Israel from the face of the earth.
5. Later in the reign of Josiah Egypt defeated Israel and subjugated the nation making them a vassal state for many years.
6. During the period c. 335 to 140 B.C. Egypt under the Ptolemies fought with the Seleucids over the ruler-ship of Israel.
7. It would seem God is singling out Egypt for a special watch, He does not want this nation to even think about rebelling against God's protocol. If they do not send a delegation to worship God warns of both a drought and plague of some sort.
8. Verse nineteen reiterates the promise of the curse for Egypt while also promising discipline for any nation not following God's protocol: the nations must send delegates to worship the Messiah and celebrate His living on earth with His special people Israel.
9. Now for an expanded translation of Zec 14:18 and 19.

Expanded Translation

Zec 14:18 Now if Egypt does not send a delegation to Jerusalem to worship the King and to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles, the nation will get no rain and God will bring them a special plague to punish the entire nation.

Zec 14:19 Yes this shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all nations that do not send a delegation to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles.

10. And now let's see what we can learn from verse 20 and 21.

Zec 14:20 In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD; and the pots in the LORD'S house shall be like the bowls before the altar.

Zec 14:21 Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD of hosts: and all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and seethe t̄ herein: and in that day there shall be no more the Canaanite in the house of the LORD of hosts.

Principles

1. Zechariah concludes his grand prophecies of Israel's glorious future on the note of the nation's holiness as a Priest Nation or better A High Priest Nation.

2. In his vision of the nation's cleansing (Zec 3:1-5) the prophet had set forth the basis of this Holiness; namely, the removal of the excrement-bespattered garments of self-righteousness being replaced with the clothing and garments of salvation; such deliverance coming through faith in the redemptive work of the Servant the branch.

Zec 3:1 Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right side to accuse him.

Zec 3:2 The LORD said to Satan, "The LORD rebuke you, Satan! The LORD, who has chosen Jerusalem, rebuke you! Is not this man a burning stick snatched from the fire?"

Zec 3:3 Now Joshua was dressed in filthy clothes as he stood before the angel.

Zec 3:4 The angel said to those who were standing before him, "Take off his filthy clothes." Then he said to Joshua, "See, I have taken away your sin, and I will put rich garments on you."

Zec 3:5 Then I said, "Put a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him, while the angel of the LORD stood by.

Zec 3:8 "Listen, O high priest Joshua and your associates seated before you, who are men symbolic of things to come: I am going to bring my servant, the Branch.

3. To illustrate the priestly restoration to God's original intent as expressed in Exo 19:5-6, the prophet twice selects the epithet Holiness to the Lord.

Exo 19:5 Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine,

Exo 19:6 you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites."

3.1 Israel was to be God's Priest nation when He brought them out of Egypt but only in the Millennium will they succeed.

4. Let's quickly review the Doctrine of the Priest Nation.

4.1 Priest Nation: a national entity called Israel.

4.2 Priest Nation Concepts:

4.2.1 There has only been one Priest Nation but there have been many client nations to God.

4.2.2 Israel became a people when in approximately 2000 BC Abram responded positively to the Word of God and received salvation; all because he moved across the Tigris river.

Gen 12:1 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

Gen 12:2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

Gen 12:3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

Gen 12:4 So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran.

4.2.3 Israel did not become a nation until about 1450 BC when Moses called them out of Egypt to accept the promised-land.

Exo 3:7 And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows; Exo 3:8 And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

Exo 3:9 Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them.

Exo 3:10 Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.

Exo 3:11 And Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?

Exo 3:12 And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain.

Gen 15:18 On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram and said, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates--

Gen 15:19 the land of the Kenites, Kenizzites, Kadmonites,

Gen 15:20 Hittites, Perizzites, Rephaites,

Gen 15:21 Amorites, Canaanites, Girgashites and Jebusites."

Gen 22:15 The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time
Gen 22:16 and said, "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son,
Gen 22:17 I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies,
Gen 22:18 and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me."

4.2.4 Israel will be a Priest Nation from 1450 B.C. until A.D. 70 with the exception of their exile into Babylon/Persia.

4.2.5 There were periods when Israel could be called a Priest Nation.

(1) The Theocracy - Moses to Saul B.C. 1450-1080

(2) The United Kingdom - Saul to Solomon B.C. 1080-925

(3) Northern Kingdom - Jeroboam to Hosea B.C. 925-721

(4) Southern Kingdom - Rehoboam to Zedekiah B.C. 925-586

(5) A recalled Judah - Nehemiah to the destruction of Jerusalem by Vespasian/Titus A.D. 70.

(6) There will be a future Priest Nation - the restored Israel of the Millennium.

Isa 49:5 And now the LORD says--he who formed me in the womb to be his servant to bring Jacob back to him and gather Israel to himself, for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD and my God has been my strength--

Isa 49:6 he says: "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth."

Isa 49:7 This is what the LORD says--the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel--to him who was despised and abhorred by the nation, to the servant of rulers: "Kings will see you and rise up, princes will see and bow down, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Isa 49:8 This is what the LORD says: "In the time of my favor I will answer you, and in the day of salvation I will help you; I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people, to restore the land and to reassign its desolate inheritances,

Isa 49:9 to say to the captives, 'Come out,' and to those in darkness, 'Be free!' "They will feed beside the roads and find pasture on every barren hill.

Isa 49:10 They will neither hunger nor thirst, nor will the desert heat or the sun beat upon them. He who has compassion on them will guide them and lead them beside springs of water.

Isa 49:11 I will turn all my mountains into roads, and my highways will be raised up.

Isa 49:12 See, they will come from afar-- some from the north, some from the west, some from the region of Aswan."

Isa 49:13 Shout for joy, O heavens; rejoice, O earth; burst into song, O mountains! For the LORD comforts his people and will have compassion on his afflicted ones.

Isa 49:14 But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me, the Lord has forgotten me."

Isa 49:15 "Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you!

Isa 49:16 See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are ever before me.

Isa 49:17 Your sons hasten back, and those who laid you waste depart from you.

Isa 49:18 Lift up your eyes and look around; all your sons gather and come to you. As surely as I live," declares the LORD, "you will wear them all as ornaments; you will put them on, like a bride.

Isa 49:19 "Though you were ruined and made desolate and your land laid waste, now you will be too small for your people, and those who devoured you will be far away.

Isa 49:20 The children born during your bereavement will yet say in your hearing, 'This place is too small for us; give us more space to live in.'

Isa 49:21 Then you will say in your heart, 'Who bore me these? I was bereaved and barren; I was exiled and rejected. Who brought these up? I was left all alone, but these--where have they come from?'"

Isa 49:22 This is what the Sovereign LORD says: "See, I will beckon to the Gentiles, I will lift up my banner to the peoples; they will bring your sons in their arms and carry your daughters on their shoulders.

Isa 49:23 Kings will be your foster fathers, and their queens your nursing mothers. They will bow down before you with their faces to the ground; they will lick the dust at your feet. Then you will know that I am the LORD; those who hope in me will not be disappointed."

Isa 49:24 Can plunder be taken from warriors, or captives rescued from the fierce?

Isa 49:25 But this is what the LORD says: "Yes, captives will be taken from warriors, and plunder retrieved from the fierce; I will contend with those who contend with you, and your children I will save.

Isa 49:26 I will make your oppressors eat their own flesh; they will be drunk on their own blood, as with wine. Then all mankind will know that I, the LORD, am your Savior, your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob."

4.3 Israel the Priest Nation:

4.3.1 The selection of Israel as God's Priest nation is a matter solely of Divine Election. The election can be found many places in the Bible.

Exo 19:6 you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites.

Exo 19:7 So Moses went back and summoned the elders of the people and set before them all the words the LORD had commanded him to speak.

4.3.2 Israel and Judah were destroyed as Priest Nations because of negative volition to God's overtures.

Hosea Spoke of Israel's Demise

Hos 4:1 Hear the word of the LORD, ye children of Israel: for the LORD hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land.

Hos 4:2 By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood.

Hos 4:3 Therefore shall the land mourn, and every one that dwelleth therein shall languish, with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven; yea, the fishes of the sea also shall be taken away.

Hos 4:4 Yet let no man strive, nor reprove another: for thy people are as they that strive with the priest.

Hos 4:5 Therefore shalt thou fall in the day, and the prophet also shall fall with thee in the night, and I will destroy thy mother.

Hos 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

Hos 4:7 As they were increased, so they sinned against me: therefore will I change their glory into shame.

Isaiah and Amos At The Same Time Spoke of Judah's Demise

Isa 1:2 Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the LORD hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me.

Isa 1:3 The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider.

Isa 1:4 Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward.

Isa 1:5 Why should ye be stricken anymore? Ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint.

Isa 1:6 From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrefying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment.

Isa 1:7 Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire: your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers.

Isa 1:8 And the daughter of Zion is left as a cottage in a vineyard, as a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, as a besieged city.

Isa 1:9 Except the LORD of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, and we should have been like unto Gomorrah.

Isa 1:10 Hear the word of the LORD, ye rulers of Sodom; give ear unto the law of our God, ye people of Gomorrah.

Amo 2:5 I will send fire upon Judah that will consume the fortresses of Jerusalem."

Amo 2:6 This is what the LORD says: "For three sins of Israel, even for four, I will not turn back my wrath. They sell the righteous for silver, and the needy for a pair of sandals.

Amo 2:7 They trample on the heads of the poor as upon the dust of the ground and deny justice to the oppressed. Father and son use the same girl and so profane my holy name.

Amo 2:8 They lie down beside every altar on garments taken in pledge. In the house of their god they drink wine taken as fines.

Amo 2:9 "I destroyed the Amorite before them, though he was tall as the cedars and strong as the oaks. I destroyed his fruit above and his roots below.

Amo 2:10 "I brought you up out of Egypt, and I led you forty years in the desert to give you the land of the Amorites.

Amo 2:11 I also raised up prophets from among your sons and Nazarites from among your young men. Is this not true, people of Israel?" declares the LORD.

Amo 2:12 "But you made the Nazarites drink wine and commanded the prophets not to prophesy.

Amo 2:13 "Now then, I will crush you as a cart crushes when loaded with grain.

Amo 2:14 The swift will not escape, the strong will not muster their strength, and the warrior will not save his life.

Amo 2:15 The archer will not stand his ground, the fleet-footed soldier will not get away, and the horseman will not save his life.

4.3.3 The last two verses of the Old Testament warned Israel to not be negative to the Messiah; such an act of negativism will result in the loss of their Priest Nation status.

Mal 4:5 "See, I will send you the prophet Elijah before that great and dreadful day of the LORD comes.

Mal 4:6 He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers; or else I will come and strike the land with a curse."

4.3.4 When God promises something it occurs therefore Israel will be restored in the Millennium.

Jer 31:31 "The time is coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah.

Jer 31:32 It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the LORD.

Jer 31:33 "This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time," declares the LORD. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.

Jer 31:34 No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the LORD. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

Jer 31:35 This is what the LORD says, he who appoints the sun to shine by day, who decrees the moon and stars to shine by night, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar--the LORD Almighty is his name:

Jer 31:36 "Only if these decrees vanish from my sight," declares the LORD, "will the descendants of Israel ever cease to be a nation before me."

5. Now let's return to our study of the last two verses of the Book of Zechariah.

Zec 14:20 In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD; and the pots in the LORD'S house shall be like the bowls before the altar.

Zec 14:21 Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD of hosts: and all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and seethe therein: and in that day there shall be no more the Canaanite in the house of the LORD of hosts.

6. Holiness unto the Lord is the epithet engraved upon a plate of pure gold on the turban of Aaron the High Priest. (Exo 28:36)

Exo 28:36 "Make a plate of pure gold and engrave on it as on a seal: HOLY TO THE LORD.

6.1 The designation holiness unto the Lord was thus in the life of Israel reserved for the highest and holiest position and function imaginable, engraved in gold on the forefront of the turban of the loftiest dignitary of the nation and its representative before God.

7. But in that day, a phrase used twice in the last two verses of our Book of Zechariah, when the Messiah's direct rule and administration in the lives of all mankind occurs, Holiness Unto The Lord shall be engraved on two things.

8. The two things selected represent the most common and ordinary of everyday life, the horse and the pots and pans used for cooking. With the people cleansed from sin by the New Covenant, the whole land and everything in it are emphatically declared to be Holiness Unto The Lord. (Eze 11:17-20 and 37:26.)

Eze 11:17 "Therefore say: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I will gather you from the nations and bring you back from the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give you back the land of Israel again.'

Eze 11:18 "They will return to it and remove all its vile images and detestable idols.

Eze 11:19 I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them; I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh.

Eze 11:20 Then they will follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. They will be my people, and I will be their God.

Eze 37:26 I will make a covenant of peace with them; it will be an everlasting covenant. I will establish them and increase their numbers, and I will put my sanctuary among them forever.

Eze 37:27 My dwelling place will be with them; I will be their God, and they will be my people.

Eze 37:28 Then the nations will know that I the LORD make Israel holy, when my sanctuary is among them forever."

9. Private and domestic life in that glad day shall be as hallowed as priestly ministrations once were in Israel. Everything will be completely sacred in the highest sense of the term, and those who get in the way of God's program shall be severely dealt with under the stern administration of the King who with righteousness shall judge the poor and reprove with equity the meek of the earth and He shall smite the earth with the rod of His mouth. (Isa 11:1-12)

Isa 11:1 A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.

Isa 11:2 The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him-- the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD--

Isa 11:3 and he will delight in the fear of the LORD. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears;

Isa 11:4 but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.

Isa 11:5 Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

Isa 11:6 The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them.

Isa 11:7 The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox.

Isa 11:8 The infant will play near the hole of the cobra, and the young child put his hand into the viper's nest.

Isa 11:9 They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

Isa 11:10 In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his place of rest will be glorious.

Isa 11:11 In that day the Lord will reach out his hand a second time to reclaim the remnant that is left of his people from Assyria, from Lower Egypt, from Upper Egypt, from Cush, from Elam, from Babylonia, from Hamath and from the islands of the sea.

Isa 11:12 He will raise a banner for the nations and gather the exiles of Israel; he will assemble the scattered people of Judah from the four quarters of the earth.

10. A final detail illustrating the universally holy character of Israel in kingdom blessing is given. And there shall be no more a Canaanite in the house of the Lord of Armies in that day.

11. The term Canaanite is best taken as a figure of a morally and spiritually unclean person. The Canaanites were a degraded people when Israel entered the land. The OT references and epic literature recovered at Ugarit agree in painting a dark picture of the gross immorality of the Canaanites, particularly because of their low and degrading religion.

12. This was true to such an extent that the term Canaanite became proverbial in Israel for a profane and morally degenerate person. Jerusalem will be a House of Prayer for all nations. As such its holiness will be jealously guarded.

13. Nothing that defiles or works abomination shall be allowed to desecrate its sanctity. As the Holy City it will be the mecca of the millennial earth, and no profane or wicked person shall be allowed to disturb its holy precincts.

14. The grand consummation of Israel's hopes and aspirations which the Holy City will symbolize, will attest the fulfillment not only of the age-spanning visions and prophecies of Zechariah, but will vindicate the very name of the prophet himself, Zechariah - the Lord remembers.

15. And now for an expanded translation of the 14th chapter of the Book of Zechariah.

Expanded Translation

Zec 14:1 Note well Israel, God's judgment day for you and your countrymen is on the way. Plunder will be piled high and handed out to the nations, particularly destructive will be the forces of the King of the North.

Zec 14:2 I'm bringing all the godless nations to war against Judah and particularly Jerusalem - your houses will be plundered, your women will be raped; half of the population of the city will surrender and be killed or enslaved and half will be left in Jerusalem to defend it.

Zec 14:3 But then the Messiah will return, with His heavenly angelic army; Christ will destroy the godless nations and fight on your behalf, just as He has done so often in the past.

Zec 14:4 Jesus Christ will return at His Second Advent to the Mount of Olives and when His nail scarred foot touches earth there will be a great earthquake splitting Mount Moriah.

Zec 14:5 All those trapped in the city will flee to the east using the great valley caused by the Lord's return. When Jesus' foot touches earth atop the Mount, it will split open making a way of escape. The valley will extend all the way to Jericho, a city located some 25 miles east of Jerusalem. Then the Lord God will move out with His Angelic army against the armies of the world.

Zec 14:6 On that day there will be no light from the sun because all the light needed will come from the supernatural aura of the Light of the World. That Light will be so special it defies human description.

Zec 14:7 It will be a unique day--a day known only to the LORD. Christ as the Light of the World will always shine; there will be no night, no darkness and no need for rest in perfect environment.

Zec 14:8 During the Millennium there will flow from the Throne of God in Jerusalem, living water, half to the Dead Sea and half to the Mediterranean Sea, both in summer and winter, a perpetual flow.

Zec 14:9 When the Messiah returns He will be King over the whole earth, not just the Holy Land. All other so called religions will vanish. There will be no more Islamist, Hindu, Buddhist, Scientologist, Christian Scientist or Deist. He, the Christ will replace them all and each will be shown for what they were: impotent, worthless and silly attempts on the part of man to make themselves right with God.

Zec 14:10 The hill country of Benjamin and Judah shall be leveled; the country around Jerusalem will become like the Arabah, a level plain. Jerusalem will be raised up from the Benjamin Gate to the site of the First Gate, to the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananel to the royal winepresses just as it was during the days of Israel's greatest prosperity.

Zec 14:11 Jerusalem will be inhabited by the saints of God during the Millennium; never again will Jerusalem be destroyed. Jerusalem will be a city of refuge.

Zec 14:12 After the deliverance of the remnant in the city; the Lord Jesus will strike the armies of the nations with a terrible plague, a divine concoction will rot their flesh, their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongues will rot in their mouths; they will be scattered as strange skeletons amidst a massive field of human and animal carnage.

Zec 14:13 After the remnant escapes from Jerusalem, the Lord will strike the residue of the nations with a great panic. The nations will turn against one another, each destroying the other.

Zec 14:14 After the ghastly plague and confusion imposed upon the invading armies of the world, the Lord Jesus will order forth the small but dedicated military remnant of Judah and they shall march out of the city in force. Israel will strip their enemies of all their gold, and silver and apparel even unto Megiddo where the Armies of the Antichrist, Pan Arabic Block, Orient and remnant of the Army of the North are suffering; there Israel will help themselves to the wealth of the nations.

Zec 14:15 Upon arriving at the respective encampments of their enemies the forces of Israel are surprised to find not only a suffering army, but even the donkeys, camels and horses have been consumed by the terrible plague; the hand of the Lord has destroyed all human and animal life.

Zec 14:16 When the Messiah makes His home with man on earth, the remnant of the nations will annually travel to Jerusalem to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles and there they will worship the King, the Lord of the Armies.

Zec 14:17 Should any nation not send delegates to Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord of the Armies will cause a drought in their land.

Zec 14:18 Now if Egypt does not send a delegation to Jerusalem to worship the King and to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles, that nation will get no rain and God will bring to that once proud king of the south a special plague designed to punish the entire nation.

Zec 14:19 Yes this shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all nations that do not celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles.

Zec 14:20 During the Millennial reign of Christ everything in the land shall be pure, sacred and set apart, even the horses and the pots and pans used for cooking will be as sacred as the utensils used in the Holy of Holies.

Zec 14:21 Yes, every pot in the city of Jerusalem and in all of Judah shall be Holy to the Lord: and all they that sacrifice shall come and cook and eat from them; and in that day there shall be no more error in the house of the LORD, for sin and evil shall be no more in the land of Judah.”

16. And this concludes our study of the Book of Zechariah.

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